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Oil workers to get new safety rights on rigs

Parkinson tightens North Sea controls

- Oil rig workers are to get the right to demand safety investigations under new government measures
- Where companies fail to put right defects uncovered by safety investigations, employees will be entitled to sue
- The Secretary of State for Energy will consider extending the powers of the Health and Safety Commission
- Proposed regulations mean that oil companies could be required by law to set up safety committees in December

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

North Sea oil workers are to be given the right to demand investigations into safety and to sue their companies if any defects uncovered are not put right.

The measures were announced yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, in the wake of 168 deaths in the Piper Alpha and Ocean Odyssey accidents.

He also promised to consider extending the powers of the Health and Safety Commission to offshore installations if the move is recommended by Lord Cullen, who is to chair the inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster.

Mr Parkinson made the concessions at a meeting with Mr John Prescott, Labour's energy spokesman, Mr Frank Doran, MP for Aberdeen South, and Mr Calum MacDonald, MP for Western Isles, yesterday when they urged him to agree tighter safety controls.

Mr Parkinson told them he will send a consultative document on setting up the statutory safety committees to the oil companies. After the six week consultation period he will draft regulations to go through Parliament. It could mean that oil companies will be required by law to set up the committees in December.

The MPs argued that the establishment of statutory safety committees on all North Sea rigs will go a long way towards stopping the alleged victimization of workers who report safety defects, as is said to have happened on Piper Alpha.

Mr Prescott, who led the delegation, emerged jubilant from the one-and-a-hour meeting with Mr Parkinson, claiming it had marked a reversal in policy. Talks on setting up statutory committees have been going on for months, but threatened to founder on arguments about who should represent the workforce and the rights of the electricians union (EETPU), which has been expelled from the TUC.

Mr Parkinson wants to see elected workers' representations instead of trade union nominees whereas Mr Prescott disagrees. However, the Opposition has promised to do all it can to help get the new laws on the statute book as soon as possible. Mr Prescott said he hoped the oil companies would not wait for Parliament and would set up the committees immediately.

Mr Parkinson also agreed to discuss with the companies the permanent siting of specially-equipped safety ships near all North Sea installations to help evacuate workers in an emergency. Mr Doran described the concessions as "a major step forward" in North Sea safety.

Last night Mr Campbell Reid, secretary of the inter-union Offshore Committee, broadly welcomed the changes, but said it did not not go far enough as trade union representation would not necessarily be granted as of right.

"It may give the workers some statutory rights, but it does not go far enough if it is less than trade union representation."

A spokesman for the UK Offshore Operators said: "It is nothing new. The Department of Energy set up a working group to look at safety committees offshore. It is the unions that have left the group. We obviously do not feel we need statutory committees as our workers already have adequate safety representation. The unions want to restrict representation to the unions and we believe that all workers should have a say in safety."

Strong winds yesterday stopped lifting of the two accommodation modules of the Piper Alpha rig in the North Sea. It is not likely to resume before Monday. The smaller module was almost raised yesterday when weather decided to [illegible] module. A helicopter [illegible] of the 119 bodies [illegible]

Flower of peace offering for Pinochet's police



A demonstrator giving a flower to a Chilean policeman in Santiago as opposition supporters celebrated President Pinochet's plebiscite defeat.

Buoyant Kinnock warns party over the cost of defence split

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday ended the Labour conference by demanding self-discipline from the movement and admitted that people would suspend their judgement on the party until they were convinced that it could be trusted with the defence of the country.

The Labour leader admitted that the defence controversy had impeded the progress which the crushing leadership election victory should have made possible.

It had cost Labour the gain in public esteem it could have achieved from the conference if people had behaved differently.

In his closing speech Mr Kinnock again regretted his party's habit of wounding itself. "Why, why, why do we sometimes damage, undermine, weaken ourselves by the way in which we act?", he demanded.

In a warning to the unions which had backed him for the leadership but failed to support him on the key defence vote, Mr Kinnock said: "Don't give us the ends without giving us the means."

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In a series of interviews Mr Kinnock said that people were coming to understand that it was not Labour's policies or objectives that prevented them winning power but the way in which they conducted themselves. "Only self discipline will do it", he said.

Despite the setback over defence Mr Kinnock was yesterday in a buoyant mood at the end of a conference which has given a big endorsement to the first stage of his attempt to modernize the party.

Labour leaders left Blackpool cautiously optimistic that by next year they would be able to present the conference with a new, more electorally acceptable, defence policy.

There were renewed warnings of civil war from the far left as the leadership reiterated that the vote for unilateralism on Thursday is not regarded as binding. The work of the defence review team, including the visit to Moscow by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, and Mr Martin O'Neill, the defence spokesman, is to go ahead.

Mr Kinnock and his close supporters were heartened by the size of the vote for the non-unilateralist motion in Thursday's debate.

As on other issues he believes that a sea change is taking place within the party, with the move towards greater internal democracy on key decisions and overwhelming support for the initial policy changes.

Mr Kinnock said he was certain that by next year's conference there would be a

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Chileans shot dead at rally

From Luke Sagaris
Santiago

Chilean police yesterday shot dead a boy and a man as opposition supporters took to the streets of Santiago for a mass rally "of joy and reconciliation" to mark President Pinochet's defeat in the plebiscite which he hoped would grant him eight more years in power.

With the military regime showing signs of increasing intransigence following Wednesday's result, witnesses said that Luis Silva, aged 14, and Señor Patricio Palma, aged 30, died from bullet wounds after police opened fire during the victory celebrations.

General Pinochet, in a speech broadcast simultaneously on all television channels, said that "as chief of

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Britain is battered by gales

Strong winds across Britain, gusting up to 75 mph in areas of western Scotland yesterday, brought delight to bird-watchers when an American Blackburnian warbler was blown on to the Shetland Islands for its first sighting in Europe.

Meanwhile stronger winds are forecast in south Wales, southern England and East Anglia for today.

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Blood crisis in London

Hospitals in London have been advised to cancel all non-emergency operations due to a critical shortage of blood.

Charing Cross hospital in West London has already started cancelling routine operations because London transfusion centres have run out of O-group blood, the group most commonly needed for patients.

"People in London are just not giving blood as they used to. We have reached a crisis. We now only have 85 units, which is below our emergency stock level," said Dr Marcela Contreras, director of the North London Blood Transfusion Service. "I am advising hospitals to cancel any operations for group O patients — apart from emergencies — including heart surgery, because we can't supply the blood."

Dr Contreras said that all three London transfusion centres were facing the same problem. London radio stations were broadcasting appeals last night for O-group donors, and the North London Centre was ringing all the O-donors on its books.

Ordnance men walk out at closure news

By Roland Rudd, Kerry Gill and Ian Smith

Nine trade unions representing 13,000 employees at Royal Ordnance reacted angrily yesterday to management's announcement that two of its factories in Lancashire and Scotland would close by 1991, resulting in the loss of up to 2,000 jobs.

Workers at Patricroft, which will shut in the spring of 1990, and at Bishopton, which will cease production in March 1991, walked out in protest immediately.

Union leaders, who have asked for an urgent meeting with Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, will meet on Monday.

Mrs Jenny Thurston, assistant general secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, said her members were disgusted

Management warned staff that disruptive action could accelerate its plans to wind down production.

It defended its move to shut the plants as an essential part of its efficiency programme

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aimed at making Royal Ordnance more competitive. A £400 million agreement signed with the Ministry of Defence in July to supply explosives and propellants had made redundancies inevitable.

Royal Ordnance, which last year announced the closure of its Enfield rifle plant with 1,200 job losses, said non-mobile employees, where possible, would be offered employment at other sites.

Mr Gordon Wilson, leader of the Scottish National Party, said of the Bishopton closure: "This is devastating news

Keays stops release of Tebbit book



Miss Sarah Keays after her court appearance yesterday.

By Ruth Gledhill

Miss Sarah Keays, former mistress of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, was yesterday granted an injunction against Mr Norman Tebbit, former chairman of the Conservative Party, and Weidenfeld & Nicolson, publishers of his autobiography. She claims that the book, *Upwardly Mobile*, is defamatory.

Her lawyers said as they left the High Court in London yesterday that they have issued a writ for libel. They will be seeking damages from the publishers, distributors and any booksellers who are selling the book. They will also be seeking damages from newspapers which have published any of the allegedly defamatory material in the book.

Mr Richard Walker, for the publishers, refused to comment as he left the hearing with a judge in chambers.

Mr Richard Manuel, a solicitor with Payne Hicks and Beach, representing Miss Keays, said after the hearing at which Miss Keays was granted an interlocutory injunction, "This afternoon the High Court in London granted an injunction to Miss Keays, restraining Mr Norman Tebbit and Weidenfeld & Nicolson from further publishing certain statements about Miss Keays in Mr Tebbit's book".

Miss Keays said: "Really I do not want to start talking to anyone".

Mr Manuel added: "I do not wish to comment on which part of the book it is because I do not wish to repeat the libel".

Books Etc, in Fleet Street, London, immediately withdrew several copies from its shelves. The shop had already sold about four copies of the book, which was on sale before Monday, the official publication day.

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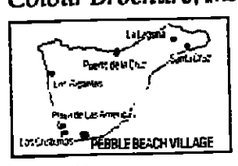
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Move for greater financial controls on family doctors

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government yesterday outlined details of tougher financial controls on family doctor services aimed at reducing the drugs bill and lowering GP referral rates to hospitals.

The proposals were immediately criticized by the British Medical Association, which accused the Government of interfering with clinical practice.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of Health, said there had been a 45 per cent increase in resources spent on GP services (which are not cash-limited) since 1979, three times the rate of the overall growth in public expenditure.

There had also been a 17 per cent rise in family doctors and a 53 per cent rise in the ancillary staff employed by GP practices.

"In any service spending more than £5 billion of public money, there is always more that can be done to ensure that those massive resources are used in the most efficient and effective manner possible", he said. "It is patients who will benefit if we can get a bigger 'bang for our buck'."

Mr Mellor told the Society of Family Practitioner Committees' annual conference in Bournemouth that FPCs should be accountable for the way substantial funds invested in family practitioner services were spent. "What is to be made of the wide variations in the number and costs of prescriptions?" he asked.

He announced pilot schemes to give the committees detailed information about the cost of the drugs GPs in their areas prescribed, the names of GPs who gave repeat prescriptions without a further consultation and those who prescribed generic drugs instead of the more expensive branded medication.

"We want FPCs to play a leadership role in developing more effective and economic prescribing, for example by encouraging doctors to develop systems to control repeat prescribing", Mr Mellor said. To do that, the committees needed to have access to the information supplied by the Prescription Pricing Authority.

The pilot schemes would be set up later this year to achieve greater cost-effectiveness, he said.

A spokesman for the BMA's general medical services committee later accused Mr Mellor of threatening to interfere with clinical practice by sending prescription information to FPCs.

"It is no part of an FPC's function to consider the clinical activities of GPs", he said.

FPCs would "finish up seeking to influence the clinical practice of doctors on purely cost-based grounds".

Mr Mellor also emphasized that there was evidence of wide variations in referral rates to hospitals.

"Research studies have shown that some GPs refer up to 20 times more patients to hospital than others." Although there were sometimes legitimate reasons for different referral rates concerned with particular patterns of illness, was the enormous variation always justified? Mr Mellor said the Government was still negotiating with the profession over the White Paper on primary health care published last autumn. The Government was still keen to introduce compulsory retirement for GPs at 70.

The aim of the White Paper was: to raise standards of care, with greater emphasis on health promotion and prevention of disease; to make services more responsive to the consumer; and to give greater financial rewards to doctors who developed a comprehensive range of services.

Under its proposals, doctors would be given incentive payments if they reached specified targets for preventative services such as cancer screening, vaccination and immunization programmes.

They would also be paid for checks on the elderly and for specializing in child health. The White Paper also indicated that there could be financial penalties for doctors who failed to provide a full service.

Competition forces ordnance closures



Workers at the ordnance depot at Bishopton, Strathclyde, reading the company's letter yesterday (Photograph: Tom Kidd).

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The closure of two Royal Ordnance ammunition factories became inevitable as the newly privatized company fought to remain competitive in an increasingly volatile world market.

With the Ministry of Defence's cost-cutting procurement policy also biting into the company's profit margins every time it bid for a new contract, Royal Ordnance was forced to streamline its chain of factories.

Under the new management of British Aerospace, which purchased the arms and munitions business for £190 million last year, Royal Ordnance has won a number of significant contracts in the past 14 months, but only by paring down its profits to a bare minimum to beat its rivals.

In July last year the Ministry of Defence awarded Royal Ordnance a £400 million contract to supply 80 per cent of the armed forces' requirement of explosives, propellant and other equipment for the next five years.

Although that was a crucial contract, the most important breakthrough for the company was the decision by the United States to order from Royal Ordnance a huge supply of 81mm mortars and 105mm light artillery guns, worth about £175 million.

Yesterday a spokesman for the company said: "We had to become internationally competitive, otherwise the business would have died. The contracts from the US meant that at last we had managed to break into the American market. But we've had to compete against 14 ammunition producers in Europe alone."

Competition came from companies like Diehl of West Germany, Giat of France and Santa Barbara of Spain.

A Royal Ordnance official said: "In going for contracts in this country, the Ministry of Defence has driven the costs down. We're not blaming the Ministry of Defence. It was a symptom of the way it is now."

Once the two factories at Patricroft, Greater Manchester, and Bishopton, Strathclyde, are closed, the surviving ammunition plants will be at Chorley in Lancashire, Glascoed in south Wales, Radway Green in Cheshire, Birtley in Tyne and Wear, and Bridgwater.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Winds threat to Jarre's concert

Strong winds yesterday posed a new threat to tonight's light and laser concert in London's Docklands. As M Jean-Michel Jarre, the musician behind the postponed concerts, completed computer programmes and briefed technical crews, 1,000 workmen turned the vast industrial wasteland into a rock arena. All 97,560 tickets for tonight's concert have been sold. Some remain for Sunday. However it was feared last night that strong winds may prevent the moving of the floating stage in the Royal Victoria Dock.

Mr Alan Morton, director of the shows will anchor the 20 by 40 metre stage if the winds do not die down, but that "would be a huge disappointment to the local people who have worked to strap 12 barges together to make the biggest floating stage in the world."

On Thursday night, the wind blew a light stand on to a sound console which fell into the water. Technicians dried it out with hair dryers. Then the fire brigade found too little space for fire engines and railings had to be moved.

Legionnaire check

Air conditioning checks have been ordered at an aircraft factory hit by an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease, it was revealed yesterday The Health and Safety Executive has given management at the British Aerospace plant in Bolton, Lancs a seven point inspection guide.Estimator James McIntyre, 46, a confirmed victim, and storeman Alex Purcell, who has developed pneumonia-like symptoms were both seriously ill in Bolton General Hospital yesterday.

McVeigh freed again

Patrick McVeigh, who was freed in June by an Irish court which said there was insufficient evidence of identification, to extradite him to London on bombing charges, was rearrested in Dundalk yesterday. He was held for seven-and-a-half hours before being released without charge. McVeigh, aged 37, from Belfast, was arrested during a routine search. He is wanted in London on bomb charges dating between 1981 and 1983.

Coaster crew 'silent'

Customs officers in Portsmouth have issued a worldwide appeal for information about a Cypriot-registered coaster which is being searched for drugs after a chase in the Channel. The "Dutch speaking" crew of six have so far refused to saying anything about the ship's movements. Yesterday Portsmouth magistrates granted an application for them to be further detained. Customs officers supect that the coaster, known as Jessie and registered at Limassol, has been sailing under other names.

Drugs marquis jailed

The Marquis of Bristol was jailed for one year in Jersey yesterday for importing and possessing cocaine. The Royal Court rejected a plea for him to be put on probation or given a deferred sentence to enable to continue treatment at a drug addiction centre in Britain. The marquis, aged 33, has a fortune estimated at £19 million and was said to have a "£25,000-a-year cocaine habit". He was found with more 13 grammes of cocaine in Jersey. He also faces extradition to the United States over allegations of distributing drugs.

King death plot case

The trial of two men and a woman accused of plotting to murder Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, opened at Winchester Crown Court yesterday with legal arguments, which will continue on Monday. Finbar Cullen, aged 27, of Maynooth, Co Kildare; John McCann, aged 24, of Saudymount, Dublin; and Martina Shanahan, aged 22, of Rathfarnham, Dublin, are accused of conspiring, between May 1 and August 31, 1987, to murder Mr King.

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'Babes in the Wood' rape

Schoolgirl tells of the pain and trauma she still suffers

By Michael Horsnell

The bewildered schoolgirl who was raped three times after losing her way in London earlier this year, spoke yesterday of the vulnerability and hurt she still feels.

After Wael Mhaywi Kabariti, aged 21, a Jordanian student, was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for the first rape and another serious sexual offence, the girl said from her home in Co Durham: "There is something inside me that always wants to stay behind closed doors, away from being hurt.

"I should like to think I am strong-willed, but it's hard to be assertive when I experience these strong waves of apprehension.

"Recovery is a very up-and-down process. I feel very vulnerable and it often seems very difficult to live my life the way I want to. It's frustrating because there's so much I want to do, and I want to get on with it."

The girl, aged 15, believed Kabariti was taking her to King's Cross station to catch a midnight train home from London after she had earlier travelled in secret to the London Palladium theatre to watch her idol, Peter Howitt, star in the pantomime *Babes in the Wood*.

Kabariti had found her alone and crying near the theatre on January 6. The star of the show had failed to spot her in the front row and she had been locked out of Oxford Circus Underground station.

Kabariti tricked her into visiting a bedsitter in Lewisham, south-east London, where he forced her to drink alcohol, raped her and then committed another serious sexual assault.

After fleeing from the scene at about 2.15 am, the girl, then 14, appealed for help from two men passing by — and was driven to a secluded spot where both raped her.

Police are still looking for those attackers, believed to be of Mediterranean origin and driving a red Ford Cortina. They launched a renewed appeal yesterday for clues regarding their identity.

The victim, who has received counselling to overcome her trauma, has had special support from her parents, who did not know she had gone to London, and from teachers and friends at school.

Her most treasured moment since the ordeal, however, has been meeting Howitt, who also stars as Joey in the television series *Bread*, and receiving bouquets and cards from him.

The girl, whom police describe as "marvellous", is now working as best she can to prepare for nine GCSE examinations.

She likes to listen to records by Whitney Houston and Belinda Carlisle but rarely dances any more. Eventually she hopes to become an actress. The idea of becoming a policewoman also appeals, but she is not confident she will ever be tall enough.

Her parents, whose Christian faith has been their greatest strength, say they are unsure if she will ever fully recover, but that she has "done very well so far".

The girl said yesterday: "The attitude shown by all my family has been very encouraging, although they have been extremely distressed and upset. They have not let their emotions stop them from pulling together and giving me their support.

"I can't say my family's religion has helped me as I'm not a Christian myself. But if it has helped my parents through this ordeal, I am happy.

"Of course it has been very hard for some people, including my best friend, to accept what I have been through, so my relationships with them have become very strained. I should like to say many of my friends have been very sweet and caring at this difficult time, and my teachers have understood my situation.

"Peter Howitt has been very good to me. He is very kind and considerate. He is a lovely person. I can't thank him enough."

Giving evidence against her attacker was traumatic but she is determined to go back to court if the other rapists are caught.

"Once that man had been charged I had to go through with the court case", she said. "I felt a strong obligation to the police, seeing they were so committed. Girls and women have to feel that these men are not going to get away with it. Rape is a serious crime and is treated as such.

"The police have been fabulous. I found them kind, sympathetic and gentle as well as professional. They took my allegation seriously from the start. The male police were just as understanding as the women.

"As regards the other two men being free, I still hope they will be caught. I urge anyone reading this who knows anything to come forward. The men should be brought to justice.

"If they were caught I would appear in court again without a doubt. If this happened I would think it completed my part in keeping this kind of person off the street.

"I am in no position to advise other girls how to keep out of danger. I can only say be careful and sensible, and don't think 'it can never happen to me'. That's the attitude I took."

Her mother said that prayer and Bible reading had given her the determination to keep the family strong. "We accept the reality of human wickedness but we don't despair because we also know the realities of faith: hope and love in God", she said.

"We cannot refuse to forgive these men for we all need God's forgiveness. Our forgiveness can't help them if they don't say they need forgiveness. In any case, we pray for them."

The woman, who expressed her gratitude to Howitt, added that the family's emotions were at their keenest when their daughter gave evidence.

"Our feelings were a mixture of willing her to get through, of pride that she was doing so well, of anguish at what had happened to her, and anger at the treachery and violence she experienced."

Nothing positive had emerged from the ordeal, she added, and the development the family most wants now is for the two other rapists to be caught.

"Their conviction is the only acceptable conclusion as far as the law is concerned", she said.

Detective Inspector Larry Covington, who will be visiting the family in Co Durham now the trial is over, said: "I have never had to investigate a case in circumstances like these, and I hope I never will again.

"It's beyond words what happened to this girl. It's very hard to look back and think how she could have got herself into this situation.

"The girl handled herself very well. She is a credit to herself and her family. The trauma of the offence is the hardest thing for her to overcome and that will take time. "She is a most remarkable young lady and very bright. She was terribly distressed, of course, but the information she gave us to catch Kabariti was tremendously detailed."

The girl remembered that the taxi fare paid by Kabariti from Lewisham station, where he had taken her, was £1.60. She also recalled fine details of the room, such as Christmas cards on the wall.

Detectives hired a cab to drive them to the limits of a £1.60 fare in a circle around Lewisham station.

From shops and other landmarks that the girl remembered, they found the bedsit, belonging to Kabariti's English girl friend, after three days of intensive house-to-house inquiries.

Wael Mhaywi Kabariti, the Jordanian student sentenced by the Central Criminal Court yesterday to 12 years' imprisonment for rape, has been recommended for deportation after serving his sentence.

Kabariti, who made legal history by becoming the first man to lose his anonymity under the provisions of the new Criminal Justice Act, was convicted unanimously by the jury.

Judge Nina Lowry told him: "[Your victim] was a girl of 14. She was alone in the middle of London. She was distressed and needed help in getting back to King's Cross so she could go home.

"You pretended to befriend her and offer help. But you decided you wanted sex with her and organized her so she ended up in a room where she was alone and in your power.

"You plied her with drink to make it easier for you to use her in a cold and calculating way to gratify yourself."

After raping the girl, Kabariti committed another serious sexual offence.

Of the victim, the judge said: "One can only hope the future holds some hope of comfort and improvement".

Judge Lowry sentenced Kabariti to 12 years for rape and another 12 for the other offence, the sentences to run concurrently. A third charge of unlawful sexual intercourse was allowed to remain on file.

Mr Edmund Lawson, QC, told the court before sentencing that Kabariti was due for military service in Jordan next year. His failure to present himself would lead to severe punishment upon his return.

Kabariti, whose education was being paid for by his wealthy gold-dealing parents in Amman, waved to his English girl friend, Julie Fletcher, aged 25, before being led away.

It was in her bedsitter, while she was on holiday in Spain with her parents, that the rape occurred. She declined to comment after the case and was led away by representatives of a Sunday newspaper.

Designer in the royal style



By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

British fashion last night acquired a new star in Rifat Ozbek, the Fashion Designer of the Year.

Ozbek received the British Fashion Council's annual award from the Prime Minister at a reception at 10 Downing Street.

The Turkish-born designer's simply cut but richly-ornamented clothes are a favourite with the Princess of Wales, who is pictured wearing a striking jade green silk two-piece outfit.

Ozbek made his official debut into London's fashionable society not as a designer but posing as Diana Vreeland on the fashion pages of *Tatler* magazine. Now he is respected internationally for his unique style and subtly humorous designs.

His jewel-embroidered jackets and curvy jersey separates, priced from £100 to £900 are worn by such stylesetters as Jerry Hall, Anjelica Houston, Tina Chow, Madonna and Cher.

O For Ozbek, his lower-priced range introduced three seasons ago, priced from £30 for a jersey top and £50 for a slinky dress, also sells well worldwide.

The son of an affluent Turkish businessman, Ozbek arrived in Liverpool from Istanbul to study architecture when he was 18.

After two years he switched to fashion design, graduating from St Martin's School of Art in London in 1976. He received his basic fashion grounding first at the cutting tables of the Italian fashion house, Trell — alongside the late Walter Albini — and later as designer for the Monsoon fashion chain.



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Soccer thugs abroad

Hurd's 'stayawayday' idea

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Powers for courts to impose "stayawayday" sentences on football thugs to prevent them from causing havoc at matches abroad are being planned by the Home Office.

"We want to stop these louts going abroad and further disgracing Britain by their behaviour during international matches", Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told Wiltshire magistrates yesterday.

His solution is to make hooligans report to an authority in this country on the days when international matches are to be played.

"What we need are 'stayawayday' sentences to keep these thugs away from causing more havoc and more damage to this country's reputation," Mr Hurd said.

Much could be done at present. In many cases where a probation order was imposed it could contain such a condition.

"I hope that the courts will look to see if more use can be made of this power", he said.

But that might not be enough. "So that we can be sure of keeping hooligans away from further trouble abroad, we may need to bring in a specific new power.

"It would mean that anybody convicted of a football-related offence could be ordered to report to a specified place, person or agency at a particular time when international football matches were taking place.

"This is something that we are now looking at urgently."

The proposed restriction will apply only to hooligans who have been convicted of football-related offences in this country.

It cannot apply to those who have been convicted for offences solely at football matches abroad because the British courts have no jurisdiction over them.

In judging whether a restriction should apply to an offender in this country, courts could expect to have reports on him saying whether he was a keen follower of international matches.

Though a requirement to attend a particular place at a particular time can apply to a probation order under the Criminal Courts Act 1973, the courts at present do not have powers to make a similar requirement in conjunction with other sentences.

The measure being considered by the Home Office would need to provide that extra power if Mr Hurd's aim is to be achieved. Mr Hurd is not, however, convinced that removing the passport of anyone convicted of an offence connected with football hooliganism would be effective.

"That might provide a solution but not quickly. It would easily at present be got round by obtaining a British Visitors' Passport at a post office".

Mr Tony Rudin, secretary of the Magistrates' Association, said yesterday that while they were in favour of stopping hooligans going to football matches, there were clearly practical difficulties.

One question was who would run the reporting centre and another was what would happen to those who did not report. Scores of fans might have to report in a keen footballing city.

Mr Andy Williamson, for the Football League, said it would back any measure that would help to prevent people going abroad and causing trouble, but the proposed measure needed to be wider than Mr Hurd had said.

England's next away matches are: Saudi Arabia, November 16 (friendly); Greece, February 8 (friendly); Albania, March 8 (World Cup qualifying match); and Denmark, June 7 (friendly).

Mother threw baby into canal

by Kerry Gill

A waitress struck her newborn baby on the head, put her in a dustbin liner and threw her into a canal, the High Court in Glasgow was told yesterday.

The baby's whimpers were heard by a woman walking her dog and she was taken to hospital, but she died later.

Yvonne Martin, aged 20, had been driven to the edge of insanity by the pregnancy she had hidden from her family. She gave birth alone in her bedroom while the rest of her family was asleep.

Yesterday she admitted culpable homicide on the grounds of extreme diminished responsibility.

She also admitted assaulting the baby in her home on May 6, inflicting fatal head injuries, and was put on probation for a year.

Martin, of West Bank Road, Ardrishaig, Argyll, had been traced by a distinctive T-shirt found in the bag with the baby.

The judge, Lord Dunpark, who said Martin had closed her mind to the pregnancy, had been under extreme stress, also ordered her to undergo psychiatric treatment. He said the interests of justice or society would not be met by sending her to prison.

Diver may have found 300-year wreck

By Alan Hamilton

Mr George Spence, a diver, believes he has located the 300-year-old wreck of the Royal James, flagship of the English fleet that engaged the Dutch at the Battle of Sole Bay off Southwold in Suffolk in 1672.

After a three-year search, in which he used high-technology scans, sonars and computers lent by a Great Yarmouth surveying firm, Mr Spence and his team have pinpointed the location of the wreck. He plans to recover a fragment in the next few days and hand it to the Receiver of Wrecks in Lowestoft to claim sole salvage rights.

The search culminated this summer when Mr Spence used the advanced equipment to survey an area of the seabed 8 miles by 4 miles off the coast at Southwold.

According to Mr Spence's survey, the wreck is buried about 2ft to 25ft beneath the seabed off Southwold. If he is granted salvage rights, he plans to position a permanent diving platform over the site, from which four professional divers and a team of amateurs will work. The project is expected to last four years.

Mr Spence, aged 35, said yesterday that records showed the Royal James to be carrying 106 bronze cannons; if he were able to raise them, they would be worth about £5 million. He has put £50,000 of his own money into the project, and has sold his house to raise more funds.

Sole Bay, commemorated on the labels of the local Southwold brewery, was a battle in which 75 Dutch ships sailed to prevent a combined Anglo-French fleet of 100 vessels from landing an army in The Netherlands.

The battle was drawn, the Dutch achieving their objective but the English and French holding the field.

Losses of men were high, with an estimated 2,000 dead on either side. The English fleet under the Duke of York, later King James VII, suffered a big setback when the Royal James, with a crew of 900 commanded by the Earl of Sandwich, was hit by Dutch cannon.

She caught fire, her powder magazine exploded and sent her to the bottom. Her captain's body was washed ashore at Clacton several days later.

There is an unproven theory that the Royal James was sunk with a pay chest for the entire English and French fleet on board.

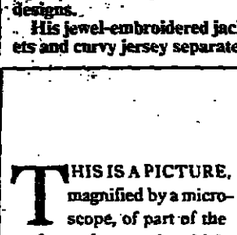
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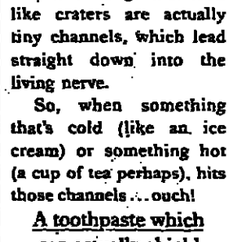
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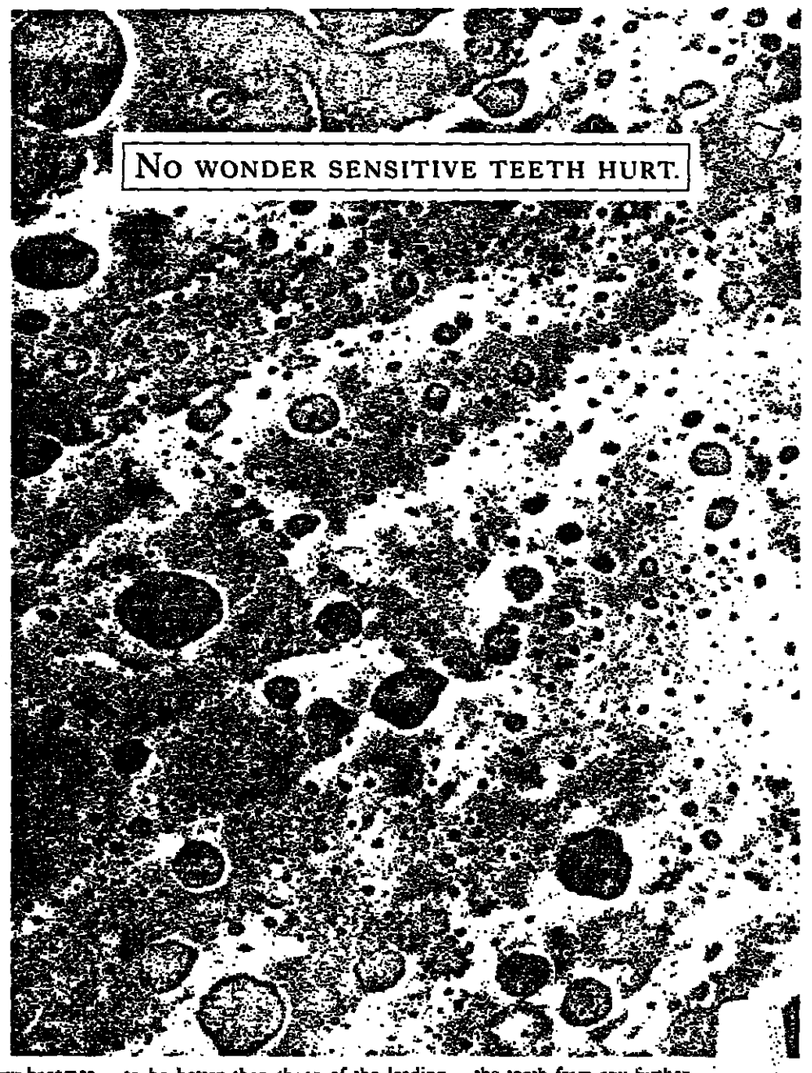
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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Hopes on silent majority for defence formula

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Despite the disasters at the Blackpool conference, Labour leaders believe that they can win next year's Labour conference around to a compromise on defence policy by mobilising the "silent majority" in the constituency parties.

Mr Kinnock and Mr Hattersley did especially well in the leadership election in the 300-plus constituencies which balloted a wider membership and the lesson has not been lost on them.

They plan to encourage local party organisations to put the policy review issues in detail to the wider membership of the party before next year's conference so that delegates are mandated by more than a handful of activists.

In the meantime the leadership will make intensive efforts to enlist more trades union support for a defence policy offering more "electability" than the one confirmed by this week's conference. They insist that the gap to be closed, in voting terms, is quite a narrow one.

Though they accept that the latter period of this year's party conference has been a public relations disaster for the party which will very likely be reflected in the opinion polls, Mr Kinnock and his associates believe that it has been none the less a watershed.

Rule changes have tightened central controls over constituency parties and candidates and lessened the likelihood of future leadership challenges. But the key to their hopes of an electoral turnaround is the mass membership drive under which political levy-paying members of trades unions will be allowed cut price entry into the Labour Party.

If that does result in the influx of several hundred thousand new members over the next few years as planned that will pave the way for major reductions in the trades union block vote and ultimately to the widespread introduction of one member-one vote in the party's affairs, so countering the public view of the Labour Party as being under the union thumb.

What has been evident at this year's conference is the readiness of all sections of the party to accept reform of the block vote. Though the Ron Todd affair has been a serious embarrassment it has helped to focus attention within the party on the need for reform and the conference passed a resolution calling for changes to be brought forward next year.

There has been a ferment of fringe meeting discussion and argument over the block vote, which is under pressure as never before.

At present the unions enjoy almost 90 per cent of the voting power at the conference and determine the election of 20 of the 29 members of the NEC, though they are given only a 40 per cent share of the electoral college which chooses the party's leader and his deputy.

After the defence debate it was being widely questioned how representative a number of union leaders were of the membership on whose behalf they cast their votes.

Mr Bill Jordan, the leader of the AEU, said yesterday that some of his fellow union leaders had brought the operation of the block vote into disrepute and so discredited the Labour Party. "I challenge leaders of those unions who cast their votes in favour of a policy they know their members don't support to put it to the test."

The latest MORI/*Times Newspapers* aggregate poll shows that 51 per cent of trades union members actually favour the retention of nuclear weapons in Britain's defence.

Thirty-three per cent want Britain to retain an independent deterrent and 28 per cent favour Britain benefiting from a European deterrent held within NATO.

Only 28 per cent support Labour's actual policy of unilateral nuclear disarament while remaining in NATO.

Among the Transport and General Workers Union members on whose behalf Mr Ron Todd cast 1.25 million votes in favour of unilateralism opinion is 2-1 in favour of retaining a British deterrent, according to the poll.

But Mr Kinnock himself, though he gave a warning yesterday that action would need to be taken if the trades unions powers were "perpetually frustrating the direction of the party" is believed to be in no hurry to cut back on the block vote.

He may need it until the membership campaign has boosted Labour's ranks to the extent where the constituencies are no longer dominated by the opinions of the activists.

Mr Todd's criticisms of the modernisation of the party and the leadership's defeat on defence policy obscured the fact that Mr Kinnock's earlier massive victory in the leadership election did give him a mandate for the policy review.

The review policy documents were all passed by large majorities in the conference. Some of the policy outlines in those—the details are to be hammered out between now and the spring—and the bold acceptance of the mixed economy in Mr Kinnock's leader's speech would have caused near revolution at Labour Party conferences in the early 1980s.



Mr Neil Kinnock and his wife, Glenys, mark the end of conference it with a warm embrace (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

Fight the enemy, delegates told

A plea to the Labour Party to stop damaging itself by the way it behaved was made by Mr Neil Kinnock, party leader and chairman of the conference, to applauding delegates at the end of the Blackpool meeting.

"Why, why, why do we sometimes damage, undermine, weaken ourselves by the way we act?" he asked, in the closing speech of the conference.

Mr Kinnock said that the Labour movement had a peculiar ambivalence in its attitude to the media. It had an instinct of utter detestation for what was described as the capitalist media; it matched that with a readiness to believe just about everything that appeared in the newspapers.

"So much of their criticism, their speculation and the way in which they will exploit gestures and gossip is deeply unfair." So much so, that visiting journalists from other democracies were disgusted when they saw the biased treatment by much of the press for the British labour movement.

"I think that they are absolutely right. I also have to say from time to time we do ask for it, don't we?"

This was a society, parts of which had inherited the prejudices and the attitudes of previous years. It was basically a market society, a capitalist society, in which there were a small number of immensely rich and powerful people who could not be expected to be well disposed towards Labour.

"Although this is profoundly our country, to which we are patriotically committed, we are in many cases in political terms having to fight on enemy territory."

The transition to socialism and the transformation of the soul and spirit of society constitutes a major challenge. "We are trying to do it in circumstances frequently unfavourable . . . why, why, why do we sometimes damage, undermine, weaken ourselves by the way we act? (applause) Don't do the press's job for them."

On Monday with the charity so well developed among comrades, a delegate had said 'We are watching you, Neil and Roy. Ordinary people want you fighting for them.' "That is true. One thing they like a little bit more than fighting for them

Demand for big building drive

Conference carried overwhelmingly a resolution from the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians which recognized the need for a big programme of renovation and assisted building of public housing at controlled rents. It called for imaginative alternatives in council housing policy to give tenants more say, including tenant management and co-operative ownership. Mortgage tax relief should be restricted to the basic rate of income tax.

The motion was seconded by Ms Laura Jacobs, a council tenant from Holborn and St Pancras, who said that the Tories were turning the right to

HOUSING

a home into a privilege. Ordinary people were being priced out, not just of London but of rural areas, too.

The Housing Bill was a cynical attempt by the Tories to cash in on council tenants' dissatisfaction. "We have got to fight tenants' disillusion and resentment and offer something positive." Tenants must be offered better services and more choice. Options like tenants' co-operatives should be available if they want them.

Ms Cathy Wilson, Liverpool Riverside, moved a resolution calling on the next Labour government to restore housing expenditure to the level of 1979; to make available to councils the £46 billion needed to repair council housing; to renovate 600,000 vacant private homes for the 500,000 officially homeless; and to repeal all restrictions on council fund-raising for housing construction.

Mr Clive Soley, party spokesman on housing, said present housing finance had to be reformed. It was unfair to first-time buyers and tenants. It was unfair to people trying to trade up when they had children and to those seeking to move from renting homes to buying and back again.

Mr Syd Tierney, replying for the National Executive Committee, welcomed the first resolution, which, he said, was a positive help to the policy review. But he urged the conference to reject the second motion. He said that it called on a Labour government to build 2 million houses in its first year. This was not practical in financial or physical terms. They had to plan for a realistic expansion of housing, not just write a blank cheque.

The second resolution was rejected by 5,202,000 to 821,000.

Correction

The caption showing Dulwich delegates yesterday said that they were celebrating the end of the defence debate. The cause of their delight was in fact the passing of a motion on the Palestinians, which they had seconded at the conference.

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Leader's grip tightened

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock left Blackpool last night with his grip on the party machinery tightened by a series of far-reaching constitutional reforms giving greater power to the National Executive Committee. The aim of the leadership and the trade union leaders who supported the changes has been to strengthen central control of the party, reduce the power of left-wing constituency parties and develop a mass membership.

The leadership were heartened that more than half of constituency parties balloted their membership on the leadership election and believes that mass membership will extend democracy throughout the party.

New rules will make it more difficult for challenges to be mounted against the leadership and will give the NEC sweeping powers to "require" constituency parties to select its nominee if it thinks that this is necessary "in the interests of the party".

Any future leadership challenge will have to be supported by 20 per cent of Labour MPs, instead of the 5 per cent required this year when Mr Tony Benn made his bid.

Although strongly opposed by constituency activists whose power base they seek to undermine, the leadership sees the changes as essential in ensuring greater discipline and professionalism throughout the party.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said that a powerful central organization was needed to balance the power Labour gave its conference.

With the support of the trade union block votes, a national membership register is to be set up and central recruitment introduced preventing local constituency activists from excluding new "moderate" members on the ground that a local party is full.

Yesterday the NEC was given the power to reject prospective parliamentary candidates if they breach party rules. In an attempt to ensure that good candidates are chosen for parliamentary by-elections, the NEC was also given power to require a constituency to select its nominee "in the interests of the party".

Mr Bill Jordan, general secretary of the AEU, said that the move was essential if small cliques in local parties were to be stopped from selecting candidates everyone knew had not got a hope in hell of winning.

The conference also agreed to change the party's constitution so that at least one woman will be on constituency short lists for the selection of parliamentary candidates. The move was overwhelmingly carried on Thursday with a card vote of 5,097,000 in favour and 974,000 against.

Drive for the rural vote urged

The Labour Party had to appeal to rural voters if it was ever to win power again, delegates were told. "It is not good enough trying to persuade people to vote Labour if all they can see is a policy with inner-city urban areas written all over it", Mr Frank Jordan, Cornwall, said during a short debate on a resolution, which was carried, urging the party to update its rural policies.

Mr Barry Leathwood, Agricultural and Allied Workers Trade Union, moving it, said that if they were ever to form a Labour government again they had to capture rural areas and that meant taking them more seriously.

Ms Diana Organ, Somerton and Frome, said that those who did not see the poverty in rural areas should look harder.

Britain 'should lead world in conservation policies'

ENVIRONMENT

If the Conservative Government disposes of the nation's water assets to private hands, a Labour government should return them to public control as a matter of priority, Dr John Cunningham, MP, chief parliamentary spokesman on the environment said.

Introducing a policy review document, *Physical and Social Environment*, he said that Britain with a Labour government should be leading the world with policies for a better environment. "We are therefore determined to establish policies which will conserve and enhance our natural environment, our towns and cities, our heritage."

There should be more rigorous and urgent action to establish environmental protection and conservation policies as a prominent, integral facet of all aspects of industrial and commercial activities.

They needed a freedom of information Act to inform people of developing threats to water supplies, the atmosphere and the seas; new legislation to protect the countryside; a major new planning Act. It would be impossible to implement the programme without a large overhaul of Britain's fragmented, inadequate and ineffective institutional framework for environmental protection.

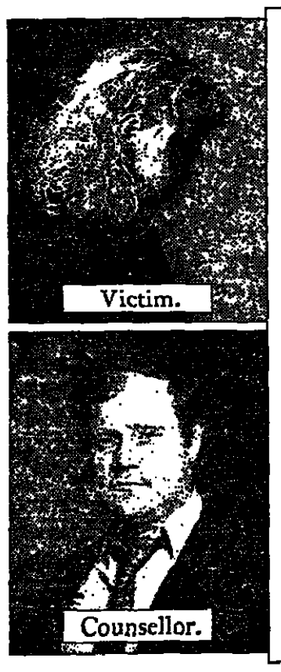
The party also recognized the urgent need to improve international economic and environmental performance, if they were to bring sustainable benefits to millions faced with poverty, malnutrition and disease.

Mr Mike Milana, Enfield North, moved the first resolution on environmental protection calling for the next Labour government's economic policy to take account of the need to protect the environment by promoting the sustainable use of resources and the prevention of pollution.

Mr Mick Green, Birmingham, Edgbaston, moved a composite motion condemning the Government's proposals to sell off the water industry and to introduce metering.

Mr Desmond O'Toole, Birmingham, Yardley, moved a resolution calling on the next Labour government to prevent the disposal of untreated waste into the atmosphere, inland waterways and coastal areas and to adopt a policy in line with EEC standards.

Mr Syd Tierney, replying for the National Executive Committee, urged urging acceptance of all three resolutions. All were carried.



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Hinkley Point inquiry

CEGB pledges 'clean' nuclear power

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The threat to the world's climate by the "greenhouse effect", caused by an increase in carbon dioxide gas in the atmosphere, has cast a shadow over the public inquiry that started this week into plans to build a nuclear power station, at Hinkley Point, in Somerset.

An expert witness from the Central Electricity Generating Board, which wants to build the £1.5 billion station, indicated that coal-fired power stations built next century might have to be designed to avoid discharges of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

Mr Derek Davis, a board member responsible for technical planning, research and computing, said: "We are beginning to consider how we might generate electricity to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions. It is technically possible but very expensive."

He was asked by Mr Michael Barnes, QC, inspector to the inquiry, about the relative impact on the board's decisions concerning acid rain caused by sulphur dioxide discharges from power stations, the health consequences of radioactive discharges from nuclear plants and the possibilities of the greenhouse effect.

Mr Davis said the first was being resolved by the use of clean electricity generating capacity. That included the retrofitting of desulphurization equipment on existing power stations.

Statutory limits on radioactive discharges had to be met if the operation of a nuclear power station was to continue.

Mr Davis said the board was beginning to consider the impact of carbon dioxide emissions and the greenhouse effect. He said: "In evaluating the life-time costs of a new coal-fired station wanted in 1998, we would not take into account the possible costs associated with carbon dioxide discharges and the greenhouse effect."

He said the primary impact on the operations of the board of the greenhouse effect was "removed by several decades".

He did not envisage the sort of retrofit programme for carbon dioxide that had been necessary for the removal of sulphur from existing power stations.

The generating board surprised objectors when it produced new figures on the long-term demands for electricity.

Mr Frank Jenkin, corporate director of strategic studies for the board, presented a new official report from the policy and planning committee of the Electricity Council predicting an increase in demand. The new forecasts have yet to be recommended to the council for formal adoption at its next meeting on October 20.

The updated figures, which supersede those presented in pre-inquiry written submissions by the board and therefore those on which objectors were making their presentations, project a rise in 1994/95 from 50.2 to 52 gigawatts, and for 2000/2001 from 53.9 to 56.9 gw.

That increase of 3,000 megawatts is equivalent to at least two modern coal or nuclear-powered stations.

The figures reinforce the board's argument for introducing a third nuclear power station at Hinkley Point to meet the Government's target of 20 per cent nuclear and non-fossil fuel power stations.

Air traffic control needs more cash

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Authority has told the Government that plans to spend more £600 million over the next 10 years on improving Britain's air traffic control system must be speeded up.

A new five-year plan has been put to ministers which means that the Treasury will be asked to approve at least £100 million more over the next three to five years compared with the original estimate made by the authority in March.

The new plan, which was drawn up in the wake of last summer's delays and congestion in air travel, has already caused problems for Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, in his negotiations with the Treasury over his department's budget.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the authority, said yesterday at the opening of the last of a chain of seven long-range radar stations at Great Dun Fell in Cumbria: "If we are to keep up with the growth in air travel we must bring forward our expenditure on new equipment and we hope that the Treasury will see the force of our argument".

Among the projects now being finalized by the authority are radars costing £11 million at nine airports, a computer at the London air traffic control centre (£23 million) and the reorganization of air space over the South-east of England (at least £30 million). The authority also plans to build an air traffic control centre to ease the burden on the outdated and overcrowded centre at West Drayton, west London.

Meanwhile, four British airlines are battling to attract the business passenger flying between London and Paris, and only two believe that lower seat prices will have an affect on their business.

London City Airways and Air Europe have cut the cost of their business class fares while Brymon and Dan Air, their rivals, are retaining higher fares and concentrating on providing what they claim is a superior product.

Brymon and London City both fly from London City Airport and both use De Havilland-7 aircraft. But London City has cut its return fare from £170 to £129.

At Gatwick, Air Europe and Dan Air are preparing for an equally tough battle. Air Europe begins its Paris service on October 24 with a single business fare of £92; Dan Air starts the day before and already wants to increase its fare from £105 to £109.

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Appeal for faster benefit pay fails

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Attempts to force the Government to speed the payment of benefit claims failed in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court dismissed a claim by a coalition of advice groups and local authorities that Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, was in breach of his statutory duty by failing to ensure that benefit claims were processed within 14 days.

However, the coalition — the Child Poverty Action Group, the Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux and the London boroughs of Hackney and Islington — later claimed a moral victory because the court had insisted that claims should be dealt with quickly. Lord Justice Woolf said it was impossible for the court to draw a precise line on what was and was not permissible.

It was clear that Parliament had intended benefit claims to be dealt with expeditiously, but the court was unable to accept the coalition's argument that once claim forms had been submitted to the Department of Health and Social Security, they should be passed to an adjudication officer and processed within 14 days.

Yesterday's appeal was against a High Court ruling last February that Mr Moore was not in breach of his duty. Dismissing the appeal with costs, the judges ruled that the department was entitled to seek basic information before dealing with a claim. Once that information was available, however, it could not delay claims further.

The judges refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords, but afterwards the advice group and local authorities said they would consider seeking leave from the law lords. They were pleased that the court had noted the seriousness of delays.

The estimated £50,000 cost of the appeal will be paid by the local authorities.

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King's Cross inquest

Flashover proved deadly in seconds, says fire officer

By Paul Vallely

The fireman working with Station Officer Colin Townsley, who died in the King's Cross fire, yesterday told the inquest that he walked within feet of the seat of the blaze only seconds before the fireball erupted, killing 31 people.

At that point the fire had seemed small and insignificant, Sub-officer Roger Bell said. He arrived with his crew at the escalator where the fire began soon after Mr Townsley and his team.

The two officers immediately sent their crews back to the surface for breathing apparatus and fire hoses. They then walked down the escalator next to the one on fire.

Station Officer Townsley then decided that the fire was serious enough to warrant four fire engines and returned to the top of the escalator to issue directions. Mr Bell carried on down the escalator, past the fire, to turn back passengers who were still ascending other escalators.

He said: "As I passed by, I took my helmet off to put it over my face to shield it from the heat. But it was not necessary. There was very little heat."

At that point the flames merely looked like a cardboard box on fire, he said. "It was what I would call complete combustion. It was getting plenty of air. There was little smoke."

Seconds later the "flashover" occurred which sent a wave of intense heat and dense black smoke, followed by the deadly fireball, up into the ticket hall at the top. By that time Mr Bell was down on the platforms shepherding passengers back onto trains.

At the top Mr Townsley passed on his instructions and turned back to the escalator just as the "flashover" occurred.

The inquest then heard from three officers in Mr Townsley's crew who were standing further from the escalator.

Fireman Joseph Boland, aged 29, who had been in the service for a year, said: "All of a sudden, without any warning at all, the whole place was engulfed with heat. Because it happened so quickly we had no chance even to start our breathing apparatus."

He and his fellows rushed towards the exit. "The only thing I could hear now was people screaming 'Save me' and 'Help me'." Visibility was zero and the heat was searing.

"I kept to a left-hand wall thinking it would lead me somewhere. There was a woman clinging to the wall. She seemed to be running into it. She had lost all sense of direction. I got hold of her and shouted out to keep low."

He was followed out of the subway by Fireman Manjat Singh who dragged two women with him. The firemen then switched on their breathing apparatus and tried to return.

"The heat coming up the stairs was absolutely unbelievable." It surged back and forth. "It felt like a billowing effect, as if a train had come into the station." The firemen tried to spray the subway with water to lower the temperature, but still they were beaten back.

Eventually they entered by another subway entrance. "The heat did not seem to have gone down at all. All you could do was crawl along on your stomach."

There, amid several other bodies, they found that of Station Officer Townsley.

Meanwhile Sub-officer Bell was trapped below ground with a clear view of the blaze. He told the court: "The fire by this stage had absolutely taken charge. It was curling up the stairway. I have never seen a fire go like that before in my life."

Because the heat rose he felt comparatively safe but realized soon that something had gone wrong above because there was no sign of the blaze being forced. He attempted to use a London Underground hose to fight it from below.

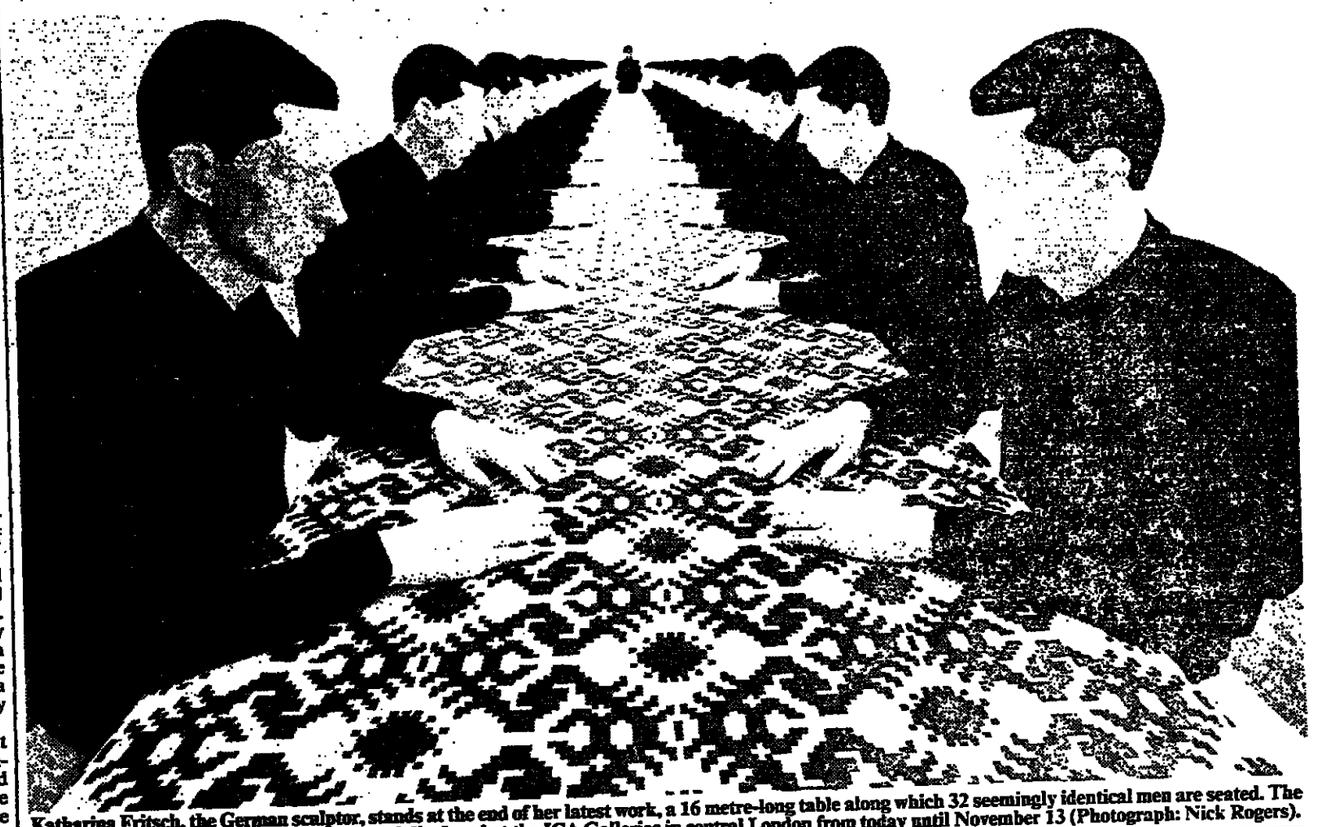
Other firemen gave grim accounts about the conditions during the early hours of the firefighting. One spoke of how he had to crawl over bodies.

Another recounted how, when he sprayed water to lower the temperature so that he could move forward, the water turned immediately to steam which blew back in his face.

A third fireman said he had found a human foot when clearing up.

Another told of time wasted trying to get a fire brigade hose to the scene of the fire when a London Underground hose was hidden near by. The hearing continues on Monday.

A sculptor's concept of dinner for 32



Katharina Fritsch, the German sculptor, stands at the end of her latest work, a 16 metre-long table along which 32 seemingly identical men are seated. The sculpture is entitled "Company at table" and displayed at the ICA Galleries in central London from today until November 13 (Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Police chiefs' conference

Man on beat 'could cut rural violence'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Drunken violence in towns and villages has increased because police no longer have the manpower to nip trouble in the bud with an experienced officer on the beat, a senior policemen said yesterday.

The result, said Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex and retiring president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, was that large numbers of officers had to be rushed to incidents that could have been prevented by the presence of a single one.

Speaking after making a call at the association's conference to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, for changes on police manpower policy, Mr Birch said: "A lot of violence on a fairly large scale which requires a lot of policemen to deal with starts from something very small.

"It could start from some noisy youths coming out of a public house, having had a drink, and starting to quarrel. It can then turn into a brawl and put people in fear. If there is no one on the street it can easily turn into a major problem", he said.

Mr Birch went on: "When I was on the beat if you were good you could stop trouble with a friendly word or a firm hand". Because that one policeman was no longer on the street ten might now be needed later in the night.

Chief Superintendent Don Grieve, leader of the Police Superintendents' Association, said Mr Birch's speech on Thursday in the presence of Mr Hurd had been a warning that the police position had been eroded and might not be retrievable. Mr Birch denied yesterday he was being alarmist. There was no sudden crisis but evidence of a problem which had been growing in momentum. Burdens on the police had increased enormously in recent years with more public order policing, the terrorist threat, new legislation and more training.

Mr Birch said that often when something had to be cut the choice fell on routine patrolling. The public lost contact with the police and the police lost contact with the public.

Mr Peter Wright, Chief Constable of South Yorkshire and the new president of the ACPO, criticized the way new manpower was allocated to forces by the Home Office in a "hit and miss" fashion.

If a force had five officers rostered for duty, two of those would have to be training in some way and not available for ordinary duties. That training element was underestimated when the Home Office looked at full strengths.

Mr Wright said his force was 400 under strength. Last year he asked for 50 more officers and got them. This year he asked for another 50 and was given 20.

No one knew how the case put by one force was balanced against the demands of another. The system in Whitehall to measure the demands of chief constables was not as sophisticated as it might have been.

● The President of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland yesterday said he agreed with his English counterpart that a lack of manpower could lead to the end of policemen on "the beat".

Mr John Boyd, Chief Constable of Dumfries and Galloway Police, said he was worried that police were being forced to take a reactive rather than preventive role.

Television regulations

Threat to European accords

By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, yesterday warned that Britain could refuse to sign two proposed accords on broadcasting in Europe.

His remarks were the strongest government contribution to the grrowing dispute over the imposition of EEC regulations on British broadcasting.

Speaking at an Institute of European Trade and Technology conference, he criticized Europe for attempting to impose new restrictions rather than deregulate broadcasting in preparation for 1992 and the single market.

In a reference to European demands on broadcasters to show more cultural programmes, he said "cultural dictatorship" had no part to play in broadcasting policy.

"Basic standards apart, it is not the business of government to dictate what kind of material viewers should watch", he said.

The Government's main fears centre on two documents: the Council of Europe's draft convention on transfrontier broadcasting between 21 European states, due to be ratified in Stockholm next month, and the EEC's draft directive on broadcasting.

The convention proposes ending "natural breaks" in most commercial television programmes, restricting them to once every 45 minutes in others, and replacing them with longer blocks of advertising.

Mr Renton said yesterday that viewers' disinclination to watch long segments of commercials would reduce advertising revenue and force broadcasters to abandon programmes prohibited from interruption. He recommended that the new rules should apply only to television services that donate more than 15 per cent an hour to advertising.

"Constructive negotiations are continuing, but unless the various conflicting interests are satisfactorily resolved and accommodated, the convention will divide not unite Europe. Let me make it quite clear, therefore, that if the current restrictions are not modified, the United Kingdom will not be prepared to ratify the convention."

The minister criticized the draft directive, which he accused of being over-restrictive in asking for quotas for programmes of EEC origin.

Quotas risked compromising the independence of schedulers and offered no guarantee of quality since broadcasters could simply fill screens with low-grade European material.

Mr Renton warned that although he did not rule out attempts to conclude the directive, "progress depends essentially on the willingness of the commission to respond to arguments put by member states".

In a final assault on Europe's plans, he criticized support from the community's media programme for projects to help programme distribution, production, training and financing.

"If there is a need for action to strengthen the competitiveness of the European audiovisual industry, then it is a matter for the industry itself rather than for governments or the European community", he said.

"Cultural arguments should not be advanced to justify protectionism."

RUC and Garda chiefs meet again

By Our Crime Reporter

The heads of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the Garda Siochana have held private discussions this week during a national chief constables' conference in Lancashire.

The talks come at a time when the RUC has forecast an upsurge in IRA violence and efforts have been made to achieve greater cooperation between the two forces.

Sir John Hermon, who retires as Chief Constable of the RUC next spring, met Mr Eamonn Doherty, Commissioner of the republic's police force, during the autumn conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) at Preston.

Mr Doherty and an assistant commissioner from his force attended as guests at the conference, which included a dinner for Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Sir John regularly attends the conferences and is a member of the ACPO but Mr Doherty is not known to have visited other ACPO conferences. The conference did not include terrorism on its agenda but examined urban violence, when a senior RUC officer spoke on public order in Ulster.

Both the RUC and the Garda have recently seized large terrorist arsenals. There have also been recurring IRA attacks, many of them very bloody, along the border.

The strength of the IRA, its potential for increased violence and difficulties, north and south, and the prosecution ofterrorists could have been discussed by the two men.

While Dublin and London continue to bicker politically about the Anglo-Irish Agreement, the two police chiefs may have decided to meet at the conference for an unofficial exchange on ways of working together.

● Northern Ireland police are bracing themselves for renewed violence on the streets of Londonderry this weekend as tension mounts over a planned nationalist march to commemorate the 1968 civil rights campaign (Our Irish Affairs Correspondent writes). Loyalists have already denounced the march as provocative and will mount a counter-demonstration.

A spokesman for the Ulster Clubs said: "The march is provocative, intimidatory and an attempt to jackboot Protestants by rubbing their noses in 20 years of murder and destruction."

Mr Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein president, will attend the march, which begins in the Protestant Waterside area of the city, where civil rights campaigners gathered for a demonstration march on October 5, 1968, and were baton-charged by the RUC. The scenes of violence in the streets of Londonderry set in train events that led to the re-emergence of the IRA.

Leading civil rights campaigners, including Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, are to address the march.

Hitch in laboratory takeover

By Kerry Gill

A planned takeover of the National Engineering Laboratory at East Kilbride, near Glasgow, by a firm of engineering consultants, came to grief yesterday when the company withdrew from negotiations with the Department of Trade and Industry.

Yard, the Glasgow-based consultants, was the department's preferred bidder after the Government's decision to privatize the laboratory.

No specific reason for the decision was given by Yard, but Mr Alex Dorrian, the managing director, said: "Clearly finance was an important consideration."

The laboratory employs about 700 people and Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced that it was to be privatized last June with bids closing on July 22.

Among other groups who have expressed interest in the laboratory are the Production Engineering Research Association: the Rubber and Plastics Research Association; the Cranfield Institute of Technology in Bedfordshire, and the British Hydromechanics Research Association in conjunction with Strathclyde University.

No contempt

Mark St George, aged 24, a freelance press photographer who took pictures of four jurors outside the Central Criminal Court, mistaking one for a defendant's wife, was cleared yesterday of contempt on the basis that he had not intentionally interfered with the course of justice.

VAT charge

Frederick Rosner, aged 63, of Lambourn Road, Chigwell, Essex, was remanded on £300,000 bail until October 24 by magistrates at Highbury, north London, yesterday, charged in connection with a £130,000 value-added tax fraud and arranging the entry of illegal immigrants.

Man charged

John Dinnegan, aged 26, of no fixed address, was yesterday remanded in custody until next Thursday by magistrates in Reigate, Surrey, charged with burglary at a house where Mr Joel Winter, a dentist, was allegedly murdered.

Family killed

Police last night were trying to identify a family who died when their car crashed into a lorry on the A17 at Fosdyke Bridge, Lincolnshire, yesterday. The pregnant woman, her husband and their baby were killed instantly.

Horses knifed

Police in Alton, Hampshire, have appealed to stable-owners for help in tracing a knifeman who has slashed four mares, one in foal, in separate attacks this week.

Millions suffer cancer agony 'unnecessarily'

Three and a half million cancer patients throughout the world, are suffering pain daily, usually unnecessarily, an international symposium on pain relief was told in Edinburgh yesterday.

This year, six million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed and four and a half million will die, Dr Roger Twycross, a pain relief specialist of Churchill Hospital, Oxford, said. Seventy per cent of patients with advanced cancer were in pain.

"Yet at least 50 per cent, possibly 80 per cent of patients with cancer and pain are not getting adequate relief. It is a disgrace that most of the world does not have readily available oral morphine."

The question of people becoming dependent on the drug was really a non-issue. A Massachusetts study found only four possible cases among 12,000 patients with only one probable and serious.

The other argument, that greater medical use could mean increased illicit supplies was also unfounded; in Sweden morphine treatment had increased 17 times with no upsurge in illicit use.

Morphine could transform the quality of life. He told of one man: "bedridden, in a terrible mess with pain and disease", who was able to go home on slow release morphine tablets. "He had to give up cycling and gardening, but he could do his shopping and he remained independent for the rest of his life, 13 months."

Dr Stratton Hill, of the MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, Texas, complained that medical students entered school convinced that "heroin (morphine) is a menace".

Farmer quits to take cash

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A farmer has offered to give up farming for the next five years in return for government payments under its "set-aside" scheme for reducing grain surpluses.

Mr Denis Westwood, who farms 384 acres at Radwinter, near Saffron Walden, Essex, said that after the worst season since he started 32 years ago, he would be happy to accept the £80 an acre on offer to stop growing cereals and to grass the land over.

Under the scheme farmers must agree to take at least 20 per cent of their land out of production, but there is no upper limit. The closing date for applications has been extended to October 21, but the Ministry of Agriculture is refusing to give details about the numbers applying.

Mr Westwood said yesterday that he had lost a great deal of money this year. His main winter wheat had yielded less than one tonne an acre, compared with three tonnes last year; the heavy clay soil was waterlogged all winter, and slugs devastated the wheat before it was possible to get machines on to the land in March.

He had telephoned the ministry recently and, although he had not had a definite answer, it seemed likely that his proposal would be accepted, he thought.

Of the £30,000 or so a year he stands to earn from leaving the land fallow, about £20,000 would go in rent. He plans to put all his machinery and other equipment into a sale on November 4.

Neither his landlord nor his agent had expressed any view about his plans, he said. Some tenants had been told that their leases might be terminated if they ceased to farm the land.

Mr Westwood, who already stables five horses, said there was plenty of demand locally for grazing. In due course he might consider building a cross-country course and facilities for showjumping and dressage.

He did not know of anyone else who had gone as far as he had in deciding to quit farming altogether, but he thought there would be many more in the coming years.

Another sign of the times is this week's decision by the National Farmers' Union to let part of its London headquarters, in Knightsbridge, and to reduce the number of regional offices. Membership has fallen to 108,000, and last year it had an operating deficit of nearly £1,215,000.

TV inquiry chief will see Rock witnesses

By Andrew Billen

Lord Windlesham, the former Conservative Northern Ireland minister who has been appointed by Thames Television to head an independent inquiry into its documentary, *Death on the Rock*, intends to visit Gibraltar.

He said yesterday that although his report needed to be completed quickly, it was unlikely that a full investigation could be conducted without travelling to the Rock.

Lord Windlesham would not be drawn on whom he will interview. It is likely he will wish to talk to Mr Kenneth Asquez, who told last month's inquest into the shooting of three IRA members that he had lied to the Thames production team.

Mr Asquez said he had made up his account of SAS men shooting Sean Savage while he was lying on the ground to get Thames "off my back".

Thames later admitted that Mr Asquez had refused to sign the statement he gave to a lawyer working on the documentary.

Mrs Carmen Proetta, another witness interviewed by the programme, told the inquest that there was real uncertainty in her mind about the version she gave viewers.

Lord Windlesham said yesterday: "When a lawyer has been appointed to help my inquiry we will consider whom we should speak to".

He added that his inquiry would also focus on the question whether it was proper for the documentary to have been shown.

Meat staff find new jobs

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

More than 200 employees who lost their jobs because of a decline in the sales of sausages and meat pies have been found alternative jobs by a professional employment agency.

Bowyers decided to call in the Forum for Occupational Counselling and Unemployment Services (Focus) earlier this year after the closure of its factory at Sherburn, near Leeds, with the loss of 275 jobs.

Mr Richard Eyres, personnel director for Northern Foods Meat Group, which owns Bowyers, said the group had called in the company because of its concern for the former staff in an area of relatively high unemployment.

He said: "There has been a small but steady decline in the sausage market because of the trend towards healthier eating. We still maintain sausages are an excellent food and are fighting back with a lower fat product." Finding jobs for the 275 former employees was made more difficult as they live in a close local community.

Many had no desire to relocate, move house or drive far to work.

Making 2,000 telephone calls, Focus, which established a centre manned by trained counsellors on the site, found 300 new jobs, half of which had never been advertised.

Nine hundred further jobs were available through the local Jobcentre.

New Forest commoner wins action on ditches

Commoners in the New Forest have won an important legal battle against the National Trust over the size and depth of ditches dug by the trust around common land last year.

Mr Norman Rudd, a barrister who owns a farm at Bramshaw, won a judgement in his favour at Portsmouth County Court yesterday that is seen as a victory for the forest's commoners.

Rights predating the Norman Conquest allow them to graze their cattle in the New Forest.

Last year, however, the National Trust dug almost five miles of trenches around Bramshaw Commons. These were 2ft deep and 2½ft wide. Mr Rudd, of Lower Barford farm, said the ditches prevented cattle, farmers' tractors and elderly people from entering the forest's common land.

The New Forest Verderers Court upheld his complaint and ordered the National Trust to restore the ditches to a depth of about 12 inches. When Mr Rudd and other commoners considered the repair work unsatisfactory, they took further action at the county court.

At the end of a five-day hearing, described as "exceedingly controversial", Assistant Recorder Roderick Denyer said Mr Rudd was entitled to a mandatory injunction against the National Trust and Mr Tom Penny, chairman of the management committee of the trust's Bramshaw group of commons.

Mr Rudd was awarded nominal damages and costs. The total loss to the National Trust once repair work has been carried out is expected to be about £20,000.

The assistant recorder said the effect of digging the ditches, which he had inspected, amounted to unlawfully enclosing open common land and impeding the rights of the commoners to graze their cattle on it.

In granting the injunction he hoped Mr Rudd, on behalf of the commoners, and Mr Penny could agree on how the repair work to the ditches should be carried out and to what depth and size.

'If the work to backfill and restore the ditches was not considered by Mr Rudd to be satisfactory, then he had leave to apply the terms of the injunction.

About 40 commoners were in court to hear the judgement. Mr Rudd said afterwards: 'It is important to the many small farmers in the New Forest who scrape a hard living out of the common land.

"They have rights granted to them a thousand years ago and it is important they are preserved."

Algeria's time bomb raises neighbours' fears

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

Leaders of Algeria's three neighbouring states have had no choice but to declare their support for the measures taken by President Chadli Benjedid to quell rioting by young Algerians.

Colonel Gadaffi of Libya, King Hassan of Morocco and President Zine ben Ali of Tunisia — and many black African heads of state — are nervously watching events.

They know that the explosion of frustration which has erupted in Algiers over living conditions and the high cost of living could happen in any of their countries, for all of them are sitting on time bombs of discontent.

The wilful destruction of parts of the Algerian capital by rioting youths over the past four days left President Chadli no choice but to declare a state of emergency and call in the Army.

He and other African leaders have done the same in the past, for the social problems facing them are seemingly too great to resolve. Repression — firing on and killing rioters — is the quickest way of diffusing the situation.

Algeria had its socialist revolution after an eight-year war for independence from France, safe in the knowledge that it had oil and gas revenues as backing.

Twenty-five years have gone by, the population has doubled to about 23 million, of whom 65 per cent are below 25 years of age, and oil and gas revenues have plummeted.

In 1979, when President Chadli took power, he realized that the state sector's grip on the economy must be loosened.

His task — to create a viable private sector and educate the skilled labour needed — is overwhelming. But the job of imposing change and getting rid of corrupt officials who run the state economy is fraught with obstacles at all levels.

Despite efforts in the right direction, the funds for a huge education programme are lacking, as are those qualified people to implement it.

Agricultural output, at the mercy of weather and insects, cannot keep pace with demand. This has created soaring food prices. In Algiers a kilogram (2.2lb) of meat costs the equivalent of £20, while fruit, which is very scarce, costs about £2 a kilo. This year's drought, together with a serious plague of locusts, means that many areas are desperately short of water and essential foodstuffs.

The difference between the poor and rich areas of the capital are startling. Built on hills rising from the port, the narrow streets of poor districts such as Bab el-Oued, where the rioting started, are filled with stinking refuse and filthy open drains. The shortage of housing in a city built for 800,000 but now home to three million means that eight people often share a room.

The official unemployment rate is 15 per cent, but the actual figure is far higher. The young men in the poor districts have little to do but lounge against walls during the day watching the world go by.

What they see is the stark difference between their situation and that of the *jeune d'orée* (golden youth), as the children of the wealthy are called.

Many of these families have made a lot of money quickly and flaunt their affluence. It is no coincidence that the youths running riot in the streets this week attacked and set fire not only to symbols of state authority but also of wealth.

Algerian television showed the burnt-out hulk of the shopping centre at Ryad-el-Feth, the city's most prestigious. Filled with luxury goods and entertainment areas, it stood for Algerian achievement for some, while for others it symbolized the decadence of a newly rich, Europe-influenced society.

The regimes of most African states know that the most pressing problem is to create — in the words of King Hassan — a home, a school and a job for their young. Emigration is out for this generation, for European doors — and those further afield — are closing.

The high cost of living with demand exceeding supply, and the lack of future prospects, make a fertile breeding ground for insurrection. The socialist path has failed and it is now the turn of religious extremism.

Mr Ahmed Ben Bella, the former Algerian head of state deposed by a military coup in 1965, has called for the regime to stand down in favour of democracy, but that would not necessarily change the lives of those who have lost hope while still at school.

There have been calls within the European Community for a change in attitude towards Africa on both sides of the Sahara. Shutting the doors to would-be immigrants will not help; nor will the policy of ensuring that European markets dominate African ones. The aid given must be geared to education and the creation of local, competitive industry if Europe in the next 20 years is not to be invaded by a wave immigration.

Talks on Iran ties end with 'pause'

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The chances of repairing relations between Britain and Iran looked more bleak yesterday after talks between officials in Geneva ended inconclusively.

The Foreign Office denied that the talks had broken down and spoke of a "pause for reflection". But sharp differences remained and a date was not set for further talks.

The basis of the Government's earlier optimism was challenged by an Iranian source who has been in regular contact with Mr Mahmoud Vaezi, the Iranian negotiator in Geneva. He disputed the statement made by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, last Friday after his meeting in New York with Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, his Iranian counterpart.

Sir Geoffrey said, in what appeared to be a joint statement: "Both sides have decided to resume full diplomatic representation on the basis of reciprocity and mutual respect."

The source said that Mr Velayati's silence at the time did not mean that he agreed with the statement. Tehran was much less interested than the British seemed to think.

The Foreign Office again rejected this view yesterday: "Given differences in UK-Iran relations in the last 12 months, this is a major step forward. We have made some progress but it became clear during this week's talks that a pause for reflection would be appropriate."

The Iranians seem to have spun out the latest talks, probably fearing that a quick pact would be seen as a sign of weakness by the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Times understands that Tehran remains determined to secure terms which it could present as a diplomatic triumph. Those terms, the Iranian source says, include a joint statement saying that Britain (not Iran) requested the resumption of full links.

Serbs' triumphant leader lays siege to the Government

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The dramatic overthrow of the Vojvodina regional Communist Party leadership by 100,000 angry demonstrators has been a great triumph for Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the ambitious Serbian leader.

It is an event without precedent in the history of the ruling communist parties of Eastern Europe.

Mr Milosevic has been the mastermind behind the crisis, inciting the masses in his effort to break the resistance of regional party leaders to his demand of bringing Serbia's two autonomous provinces under central Serbian control.

At least 100 people were hurt, some of them seriously, during the confrontation in Novi Sad, the capital of Vojvodina. According to an official statement, four demonstrators were arrested and 14 policemen were hurt when thousands of protesters tried to storm the party headquarters.

Yugoslavia's federal leadership, already badly shaken by the Vojvodina leadership's decision to resign without a fight under pressure of street violence, appears to be undecided as to how to cope with the continuing pressures from protest rallies.

Meanwhile, the Serbian mass protests have continued with workers now demanding the resignation of the federal Government.

In Valjevo, in Serbia, some 30,000 workers staged a general strike yesterday, demanding the resignation of the federal Government and a 60 per cent wages rise.

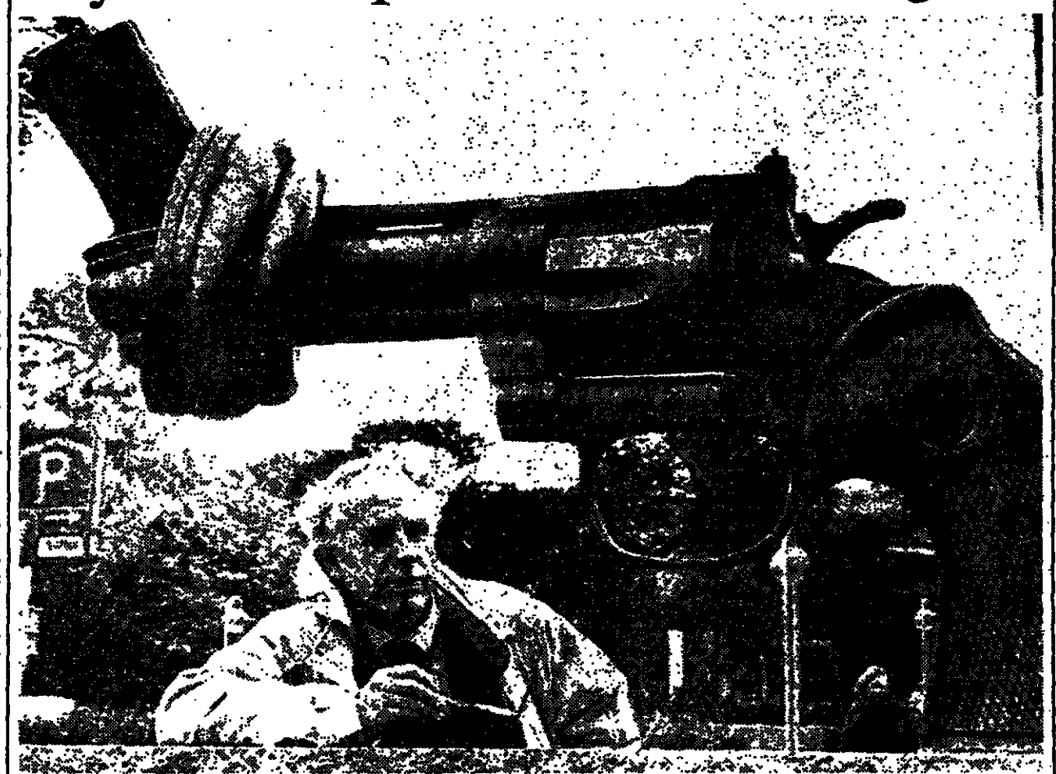
With his first objective — Vojvodina — achieved, Mr Milosevic's next move is clearly aimed at Kosovo, where the predominantly Albanian leadership is under fierce pressure from continuing Serb mass protests to step down. The Serbs are protesting against alleged anti-Serb discrimination and are demanding the purge of Albanian party functionaries whom they accuse of trying to force them out of the region.

Mr Milosevic, who obviously expects more sweeping personnel changes at the forthcoming meeting of the federal party's Central Committee, has also announced Serbia's intent to table a no-confidence motion in the federal Parliament in the Government of Mr Branko Mikulic.

A few days ago, when several thousand workers from a suburb of Belgrade marched on Parliament demanding higher wages, drastic cuts in public spending as well as the resignation of the federal Government, Mr Milosevic promised to take up their demands.

He immediately instructed the Serbian delegates in the federal Government to raise the question of no-confidence in the federal Government's ability to carry out reforms and deal with the galloping inflation.

Symbol for peace in barrel of a gun



The Swedish sculptor, Carl Frederik Reutersward, contemplating his bronze sculpture of a revolver with a knotted barrel entitled "Non-violence" after it had been placed in front of the Düsseldorf Art Gallery in West Germany yesterday. The bronze is a second casting of the sculpture. The first is standing in front of the United Nations headquarters in New York.

WORLD ROUNDUP

US compromise on Greek base

Athens — The United States has bowed to Greece's demand to phase out the US Air Force base at Hellenikon, which shares facilities with Athens international airport, provided that other US installations in Greece can tacitly take over its functions (Mario Modiano writes).

The understanding was reached during a meeting between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister, in Washington last week. It made possible the resumption of negotiations this week on the future of the overall American military presence in Greece.

An official Greek statement yesterday said that talks in Athens this week had ended "without any specific reference being made to Hellenikon base". Five weeks earlier American negotiators broke off the talks on being told of the Greek decision to close the base. American officials then said the Greek move had set the negotiations in an entirely new context. At the Shultz-Papoulias meeting, however, it was agreed not to let this issue obstruct negotiations for an agreement that would ensure the continued operation of the other US installations here.

Requiem for Strauss

Bonn — Central Munich came to a standstill yesterday as a memorial service, a state Act of Remembrance and a funeral procession were held for Herr Franz Josef Strauss, Prime Minister of Bavaria and leader of the Christian Social Union, who died on Monday (John England writes).

President Von Weizsäcker and Chancellor Kohl joined the Strauss family in Munich Cathedral for a pontifical requiem attended by 5,000 mourners, including several foreign politicians. He will be buried quietly today at Rott Am Inn, near Munich, where his wife is buried.

Soviet missile view

Teikovo, Soviet Union (Reuter) — Major-General Ivan Vershkov, commander of a Soviet missile base, said: "If five years ago someone had suggested that I would be talking here to any correspondents, let alone foreign journalists, I would never have believed it."

He was showing 40 Soviet and foreign reporters a nuclear SS11 strategic missile ready for launch from its silo in flat, open farmland 150 miles north-east of Moscow, on Thursday. The missile has range to hit any city in the eastern US; General Vershkov declined to say where it was aimed.

Four Arabs shot dead

Jerusalem — Palestinian sources said four Arabs were shot and killed by Israeli troops yesterday during a second day of rioting in Nablus in the West Bank (Ian Murray writes).

Eighteen others were said to have been wounded by gunfire as troops tried to stop youths protesting at the death on Thursday of a man they believed had been handcuffed before being shot. The Army admitted that two Arabs had been shot and said that the man who died on Thursday was found to be wounded by soldiers who had been trying to apply handcuffs after arresting him.

Army wife murdered

Bonn — The 35-year-old wife of a British army warrant officer based in West Germany, the mother of three children aged 3-10, was found strangled in a wood near Paderborn early yesterday (John England writes).

Her husband (not yet identified) who is with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps at Sennelager, reported her missing on Thursday evening when she did not return from walking her dog. Police launched a large-scale search, and her partly-clothed body was found at about 1 am yesterday. The family alsatian, a former army guard dog, had stayed near by.

Teenager beats shark

Sydney — The cool courage of a 15-year-old boy saved his life when he was attacked by a shark near Adelaide in South Australia. Murray Taylor punched the shark in the eye and on the nose when it grabbed his leg and dragged him from his surfboard (Christopher Morris writes). The shark, which had clamped the boy's right leg in its jaws, was forced to let go under the succession of blows. The boy then managed to swim ashore. He was taken to hospital where his badly lacerated leg required 120 stitches.

Bush workers concede Quayle is a liability

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The thin ice over which Senator Dan Quayle skated to safety in Wednesday's vice-presidential debate has already melted.

With the polls showing increasing public alarm at the Republican running-mate's lacklustre performance and obvious inability to think on his feet, Bush campaign advisers are now privately conceding that the hapless Indiana senator will remain a liability to Mr Bush's presidential run.

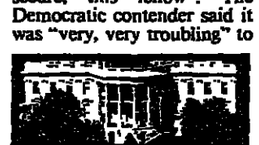
"We are wringing our hands as we get through the next 48 hours," one anonymous aide was quoted as saying yesterday. Another said Dukakis's campaign "can't lose on this and we can't win".

Commentaries and leading articles have been unusually savage in their criticism of Mr Quayle, and the mood of the country has clearly supported initial polls that showed he did little, if anything, to remove the doubts about him.

The Dukakis campaign, with a new-found aggressiveness, has pounced on the issue. It has already produced two anti-Quayle television advertisements.

One shows a picture of the vacant president's chair in the Oval Office with the sound of a heartbeat in the background as an announcer says: "The most powerful man in the world is also mortal ... For this job, after five months of reflection, George Bush made his personal choice, J. Danforth Quayle. Hopefully, we will never know how great a lapse of judgement that really was." The other shows a group of actors portraying Bush campaign advisers urgently discussing dropping Mr Quayle and bringing back Senator Bob Dole.

Mr Dukakis has also made the Indiana senator's performance the focal point of his campaigning. He said Mr Quayle was "programmed beyond belief ... extremely insecure, this fellow". The Democratic contender said it was "very, very troubling" to



think of Mr Quayle as a heartbeat from the presidency.

Criticism of Mr Quayle's performance has centred on his inability to say what he would do if he had suddenly to assume the presidency. The most devastating judgements came from two well-known conservative commentators — Mr George Will and Mr Charles Krauthammer.

They both noted that Mr Quayle did not spell out the need to continue a Bush Administration's policies or bring tranquillity in a time of turmoil. Instead, he sought refuge in his rehearsed answer.

"Did he prove himself presidential?" Mr Will asked. "No, he stayed in step with the top of the ticket. From Boston Harbour to Belgian Endive, Quayle touched on — no, tromped on — the themes the Bush campaign considers "neat-o". Quayle was so overprogrammed it seemed that someone backstage, armed with a remote-control wand, was operating a compact disc — a very compact disc — in Quayle's skull.

"His handlers, who doubtless fancy themselves clever fellows because they work so well with papier-mâché, tamped into Quayle lots of itsy-bitsy slivers of ideas — notions, really; ideological lint."

Mr Will was equally sarcastic about Mr Quayle's repetition of his grandmother's philosophy. He said that this confirmed "the suspicion that his conservatism is less a creed than an absorbed climate of opinion, absorbed in a golf cart".

Mr Krauthammer called the remark "the most inane debate answer since Jimmy Carter confided that Amy had turned him on to nuclear non-proliferation". He added: "I once spent two hours in private with Quayle, watching him display unusual agility with arms control issues. But with Grandma Pulliam, he lost me forever."

Such remarks, coming from some of the most articulate supporters of the Republican cause, have shaken the Bush campaign.

Mr Richard Bond, Mr Bush's political director, has been assigned to join the Quayle travelling entourage for what was described as "combat duty" to knock down the idea that Mr Quayle had not performed well. Mr Bush insisted his running-mate had been "unfairly pounded".

Buoyant Dukakis finds Southern discomfort

From Charles Bremner, Memphis

Governor Michael Dukakis, without a jacket and in a rare buoyant mood, perched on a desk in a Memphis classroom and once again relished the drubbing his running mate gave to Senator Dan Quayle in Wednesday's televised debate.

But a teenage student interrupted. "Mr Dukakis, are you a Christian, sir?"

"Yes, I'm a Christian," said the presidential candidate, who has been criticized as a non-churchgoer. "I read the Bible from time to time. I am a member of the Greek Orthodox Church. I have been since I arrived on this planet."

Anxiety about the Boston Democrat's credentials as a God-fearing American has been well reinforced by Mr Bush's blitz of Dukakis-bashing early in the campaign. More than anywhere else, the Bush drive to paint Mr Dukakis as a dangerous liberal who is "out of the mainstream" has paid dividends in the South, even in such a traditional Democrat stronghold as Western Tennessee.

The Governor has spent the past two days campaigning across the mid-South, appearing at rallies and "spraying" local television with interviews in an attempt to present the "real" Mike Dukakis and forestall a looming sweep of the South by the Republicans.

Tennessee, a relatively prosperous state with a history of political independence, has a virtually moribund Republican Party, yet Mr Bush is running 11 points ahead in the polls here.

Frustrated Dukakis officials, such as Mr Joe McClean, a local organizer, say they spend their time trying to convince people that their man is not "some kind of wild-eyed liberal who coddles criminals and turns killers loose on women and children".

So Mr Dukakis turned up at the Orpheum Theatre in Beale Street, birthplace of the blues, on Thursday night with his daughter, Andrea, and the local senator, Mr Albert Gore, to prove he is no monster.

But Mr Tommy Hopper, director of Mr Bush's state campaign, says: "There are only four words we need to mention — ACLU, gun control, furloughs, taxes. Down here, one of those four is bound to hit home."

These are the key "hot button" issues in the Dukakis record that Mr Bush has used to arouse fear in conservative "Reagan Democrats".

The task of turning the Yankee city slicker into a Southern "good ol' boy" has proved too daunting for some of the local Democratic leaders who initially flocked to support the Governor.

The daisies at Dukakis rallies have been thinning as many of the officials have begun remembering appointments elsewhere.

It is all a far cry from the jubilation of last July, when Mr Dukakis and his Texan running mate were crowned in Atlanta at the Democratic convention and the scene was set for conservative Democrats to "come home" to their old party.

In two decades, only Mr Jimmy Carter, the former Governor of Georgia, has won Southern support for a national Democratic candidate.

In Georgia and Tennessee, the state governors came out in strong support for Mr Dukakis, but he has not returned to Georgia since the July convention and many local Democrats are worried.

"There was a terrific amount of enthusiasm right after the convention," Mr Tommy Irvin, the state agriculture commissioner, said. "I wish that enthusiasm had been cultivated, but it's still out there to be cultivated."

Just as it failed to follow through in California, the Dukakis campaign lost momentum in the South, and over the past two weeks the Governor's people have been denying rumours that they have written off the region to conserve resources for the big battle grounds of Texas, California and the Mid-West.

At a secret meeting in Atlanta last weekend, senior Democratic strategists were reported to have decided to focus on five Southern states which they believe to be within reach — Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

In no state are they ahead in the polls, but they are closest to the Republicans in Arkansas and Kentucky.

The Democrats could probably survive a big loss in the region, which holds 118 of the 538 Electoral College votes, provided they score heavily in the industrial North, but they will be hard pressed.

Mugabe halts Pretoria's drive into black Africa

From Michael Hornsby, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

The diplomatic drive into black Africa by President Botha of South Africa appears to have come to an abrupt halt, and Mr Robert Mugabe, who has ruled Zimbabwe since independence in 1980, is the man most likely to have applied the brakes.

President Mugabe lost no time, after his return last weekend from a tour of the Bahamas, the US and Britain, in calling a press conference in Harare to denounce the South African diplomatic initiative as "useless" and an attempt to deceive the international community.



Mr Robert Mugabe: Man Pretoria loves to hate.

Soon afterwards, a summit that was to have been held this week in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, involving Zaire, Zambia, Congo and Gabon to discuss the possibility of a larger gathering that would have included South Africa, was abruptly cancelled. No explanation was given for the cancellation.

On Wednesday, President Kaunda of Zambia, speaking briefly to journalists at a luncheon in Livingstone, on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls, for 150 Commonwealth Press Union delegates, firmly denied speculation that a meeting between himself and Mr Botha was imminent.

"No more Botha in Lusaka, no more meeting with him at all — no way at all until I am satisfied that he will keep his promise of withdrawing all his troops from Angola and Namibia and stop interfering in Mozambique," President Kaunda declared.

As viewed from Harare, other black states are allowing themselves to be co-opted by Pretoria into campaigning for the removal of Cuban troops from Angola and for a power-sharing compromise between the Marxist MPLA Government in Luanda and the South African-backed Unita guerrillas of Dr Jonas Savimbi.

The concern is that if Pretoria is allowed to dictate the timetable of a Cuban withdrawal, it would amount to a surrender of the right of black-ruled states to seek military assistance from foreign countries.

Mr Mugabe has long been the regional leader whom Pretoria loves to hate. Television footage of him at a rally in Harare, where he is seen talking of "a bullet for a bullet" and "killing Boers", has been screened repeatedly in South Africa recently, with a sombre commentary.

What the commentary does not tell South African viewers is that Mr Mugabe made the admittedly intemperate speech more than two years ago in a moment of high emotion and anger after a South African commando raid on houses in Harare allegedly used by African National Congress guerrillas.

There is, in fact, much that does not meet the eye in the apparently very hostile, but in practice pragmatic relationship — at many levels remarkably, if clandestinely, co-operative — between Harare and Pretoria.

Mr Mugabe has declared any official contact with Pretoria at ministerial level to be taboo, but the two countries maintain low-profile diplomatic links through trade missions in each other's capitals.

There is also regular, if unpublicized, liaison between Zimbabwe's Central Intelligence Office and South Africa's Directorate of Military Intelligence.

Despite the high level of anti-Zimbabwe rhetoric in Pretoria, Zimbabwe has not been an important ANC infiltration route.

Mr Mugabe's Zanu-PF, which won the pre-independence elections in 1980, fought the guerrilla war against Mr Ian Smith's regime from bases in Mozambique and was linked from the 1960s with the Pan-Africanist Congress, which broke away from the ANC in 1959.

Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu, which emerged with only minority support at the independence elections, operated out of Zambia where it shared training facilities and Soviet arms suppliers with the exiled ANC.

Suspicion of the ANC in Mr Mugabe's party was reinforced by the fact that old ANC arms caches, located along infiltration routes from Zambia into South Africa, were not easy to disentangle from those of hard-core Zapu dissidents who took to the bush in Matabeleland in 1982.

For all his occasionally belligerent language, Mr Mugabe has a profound interest in regional peace. Until outlets can be opened up through Mozambique, his country will remain heavily, and vulnerably, dependent on South Africa's ports and railways.

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One man's battle to keep Western technology out of Soviet hands

Cold War rages on in a corner of the Pentagon

From Robert Fisk
Washington

Glasnost is not a word that evokes much enthusiasm on the upper floors of the Pentagon's "paper-clip" building. The mere mention of such a concept evokes suspicion rather than optimism in the US Defence Technology Security Administration.

Talk about Mr Mikhail Gorbachov to Dr Stephen Bryen and the name prompts a sigh of weariness. The Americans who spend their working hours trying to stop the Russians acquiring the West's most sophisticated technology are not sentimental about *perestroika* or Moscow's new freedoms.

Dr Bryen is the retiring director of the agency, a balding man with a thin moustache and the sort of global overview mixed with humour that goes down well with the military. "*Perestroika* and *glasnost* are an admission that the infrastructure situation in the Soviet Union is intolerable," he says. "Something has to give in Russia. The Soviet leadership has reached some conclusions that we have also reached; that the Soviet Union will, not remain a great nation without technology.

"In the past nations have been great because they had land, overseas possessions, railroads, oil. These were the things that made nations great. Today it's technology — and the Soviets know you are not going to get what you want by behaving badly. So the Soviets are behaving nicely. They'll push the joint scientific ventures with the West. But at the end of the day, they'll close it all down — including Gorbachov."

It is a dire prediction and Dr Bryen is not smiling. In this little corner of the Pentagon, the Cold War has not really ended. Nor has the US Department of Defence ignored Dr Bryen's work. He is twice holder of the Distinguished Service Medal, America's highest civilian award. He is a friend of Mr Caspar Weinberger, former Secretary of Defence, and an old associate of Mr Richard Perle, the man they liked to call "the Prince of Darkness".

The Russians have no reason to like Dr Bryen; nor does he have reason to trust them. He is in the game of stopping the Russians getting their hands on US secrets.

During the Carter Administration a system was set up within the US Government to get rid of excess classified documents. The US Defence Department was sending everything but classified information to the National Technical Information Service at the Commerce Department. But there was — Dr Bryen's voice speaks harshly and with relish at this point — an automatic seven-year "clock" on declassification.

"When a document was seven years old, it was automatically declassified. It was up to the 'project manager' in a particular field to renew the classification after that time if he thought it was necessary. "The documents were about everything — tank warfare, missile fuels, electro-optics, advanced computer data bases, radar absorption fields; they were all dumped at the NTIS when they were automatically declassified. You see, there would always be new people being appointed — you know what the military are like — and new people wouldn't know what they had (in the documents) when the seven-year 'clock' came round. So the best customers of the NTIS were the Soviets.

"Then in 1983, the NTIS were so gorged with paper that they held a sale. The Soviets turned up in a self-drive truck. For $24,000 (£14,500) they bought enough documents to fill the truck and drive it away. We went berserk. At that time, I was the Deputy

6 Soviet scientists in Vienna plugged into US computers and sent data direct to Moscow 9

Assistant Secretary for Internal Economic Trade and Security Policy. Weinberger said to me: 'Can't you stop this stuff from getting out?' I said: 'Sure I can'." Dr Bryen laughs. "I had four men then — but we stopped the automatic declassification."

Now Dr Bryen's office has two floors and 150 employees — both civilian and service staff — and a computer list of what he calls "45,000 bad guys". These are businessmen, companies, crooks, supposedly corrupt government officials from all over the world whom the Pentagon suspects of having sold, diverted or transferred to the Soviet Union or its allies Western technology banned from export by Cocom.

The Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls, as Cocom is formally called, comprises the US, all the Nato countries except Iceland, and Japan. Despite talk of equality, the US is the dominant partner; and there are some who would say that Dr Bryen's low-ceilinged high-tech office virtually runs Cocom.

At one point, he says, the US only learnt that the Russians were gathering data-base US technology information when it found that Soviet scientists working at a systems analysis centre in Vienna were plugging into US computer bases, drawing out information and then sending it on-line to computer centres in Moscow. "We picked up what they were doing in Vienna and said, 'Hey, wait a moment, how are they getting all this? — this is *our* stuff.' Of course, *they* knew what they were doing."

Dr Bryen's views do not go unchallenged. Officials in the US Commerce Department have come into conflict with his office; in Vienna, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis vehemently disputes that its international scientific venture has been used for spying.

Dr Bryen, however, has clearly spent his tenure at the Pentagon in a state of alert. "We're dealing with a potential diversion of large computers," he says. "I can't tell you where.

"The Soviets want Vax computers, control data disc drives, desktop micro-vaxes, techtronics, Sun work stations. The Soviets have stolen fewer than a hundred Sun computers. They've been trying to get into supercomputer centres; Soviet visiting scientists got into your (British) weather centre at Reading two or three years ago. They also got into the Cray (computer) centre in Boulder, Colorado."

The Russians, according to Dr Bryen, desperately need supercomputers. "Theft (by the Russians) has to go into very high leverage, into very important projects, because Soviet infrastructure is in a very catatonic state ... supercomputers are used for very exotic design work on nuclear weapons, krypto-analysis, the measurement of winds ... For a covered weapons programme without open-air testing, you need supercomputers."

The US estimates that there are fewer than 500 supercomputers in the world, most of them in the US and other Cocom countries. The Ministry of Defence in London has "several", says Dr Bryen.

Cocom members' enthusiasm varies — "excellent" in France, "less good" in Belgium, Holland and Norway. Bryen's Law says Cocom has to be enforced "by political and moral conviction". But the issues for the man who was about to retire from the paperclip building are clear. When I asked him if US action over technology would not simply keep Russians technically backward, he replied: "I hope so. If we don't do it, then we get war."

Chinese trade corporation 'faces inquiry' into corruption

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

The giant China International Trust and Investment Corporation, the state-owned foreign trading and investment organization, is high on the list for an investigation into alleged corruption, sources in Peking said yesterday.

It is rumoured that, after the investigation, the corporation will be stripped of its tax concessions. Such measures would have great public relations value in the Government's fight against crime.

The rumours have already caused consternation among Hong Kong's business community. But analysts in Peking say that such measures would not have a disastrous effect on the corporation's ability to conduct trade — it is big enough to survive without such privileges. It is not the only corporation on the list, the sources say.

A nationwide investigation and "rectification" of foreign trade was announced in the *People's Daily* on Thursday in an effort to get rid of corruption and incompetence.

Mr Zheng Tuobin, the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, announcing the measures to put foreign trade in order, said that serious problems had appeared after restrictions on the management of foreign trade had been relaxed.

Some companies had delegated foreign trading power blindly to lower and lower levels and, as a result, a large number of companies had been set up simply as a cover for other activities.

He said some firms had disrupted natural economic relations through their "improper" blockades of local supplies of goods or had used state-awarded privileges to force up prices and interfere in the proper conduct of export trade. As for import trade, that was also chaotic. But the figures for foreign trade looked good, Mr Zheng said.

The use of the "rectification" slogan, which emerged from the Central Committee plenum last week, indicates that these measures are some of those drawn up then to put the economy in order.

They appeared on the same day that Kanghua Development Corporation, a new but rapidly growing state-owned company involved in foreign trade and investment, confirmed that it had been ordered to split with the China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped, which is headed by the son of China's senior leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping.

Mr Deng Pufang is confined to a wheelchair after being pushed from a window during the Cultural Revolution.

It is strongly rumoured in Hong Kong and Peking that the State Council has accused the corporation of corruption, insisted that it break its close financial ties with Mr Deng Pufang's fund, removed its tax concessions and lucrative import-export licence, and told it to close down subsidiary companies.

A spokeswoman declined to comment on the allegations of corruption. Asked whether the corporation had been told to split from the welfare fund, she replied: "That is a fact. We all know there have been some changes."

If it is true that Mr Deng Xiaoping's son has been implicated, however indirectly, in large-scale corruption, and if the corporation and fund are seen publicly to suffer for involvement in corruption, then it will set an example and be seen as proof of the sincerity of the Government's anti-corruption drive.

Peking (Reuter) — Ning Yinghai, a political secretary in the Chengdu Military Region in south-western China, has been jailed for six years for bribery, womanizing and gluttony, the *Liberation Army Daily* reported yesterday.



Vietnamese boat people at a closed camp in Hong Kong crowding to catch a glimpse of Lord Glenarthur, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, during his visit to the colony in June.

'Cover-up' in Hong Kong

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Oxfam said yesterday that it suspects the Hong Kong prison service of covering up beatings given to Vietnamese boat people in one of the British colony's detention centres.

On Thursday, an official judicial investigation revealed that guards from the Hong Kong Correctional Services Department (CSD) had used "unnecessary force" in quelling a disturbance on July 19 at the Hei Ling Chau centre.

Mr Chris Bale, Oxfam's director in Hong Kong, said: "One has to suspect that there has been a cover-up. Things just don't add up. The central issue as far as we are concerned is that the CSD shouldn't be running these places. It is doing a job it is not equipped to do. It is not trained to look after thousands of innocent children."

Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, who ordered the judicial inquiry, has told the CSD to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the officers involved and has asked for an investigation into what the inquiry said were "very scanty injury reports". Ninety-one refugees had formally complained they had been beaten with batons, kicked or punched.

An initial internal investigation by the CSD said there was no evidence that guards had beaten internees, but Thursday's report by two magistrates revealed that officers had used feet, fists, knees and batons to hit the Vietnamese.

Mr Ian McCallum, a local spokesman for Justice, the international lawyers' human rights group, said: "This conspiracy of silence worries me. Everybody is involved — it went up to the very highest level in the CSD."

There was no immediate comment from the department on the suggestions that there had been a cover-up.

FROM A VILLAGE IN THE HIMALAYAS

The easy come, easy go path to dishonesty

By Victor Zorza and Veenu Sandal

The village, where burglaries had been virtually unknown, was aghast at the recent spate of thefts. It started when a whole container of ghee, the clarified butter which fetched a good price in town, disappeared one night from a cattle-shed. Then the muleteer dumped several sacks of potatoes outside the village shop in the evening — and they were gone by the morning.

With no clues to go on, the villagers blamed Soka Das the drummer, who was also the community's watchman, for sleeping on the job. "Why pick on me?" he bristled. "I can't be guarding every hut and every cattle-shed." But, nevertheless, armed with a stout stick, he now made several additional rounds every night.

There were no more nocturnal thefts, and Soka Das bragged that he had managed, single-handed, to drive out "the gang of thieves — whoever they may be". But soon a shopkeeper complained that, while he was having an afternoon nap, somebody had made off with a sack of vegetables. Then, the rice a village woman had spread out to dry in the sun vanished in broad daylight. It seemed as if nothing was safe anymore.

Chuni Lal, the man who had come into a fortune and then lost it, contemptuously dismissed Soka Das as "a no-good watchman" and vowed to catch the thief.

"He wasn't able to hold on to his own money, but wants to take care of the whole village," Soka Das scoffed. "I didn't lose my money," Chuni Lal replied sharply. "I spent it — on things which you're not ever likely to see."

He had become a rich man overnight. His mother had inherited several fields in a distant village across the mountains. Chuni Lal was given 350,000 rupees (£14,000) as compensation when this land was acquired for a hydroelectric project. In a region where a poor villager's income rarely exceeds 1,000 rupees a year, Chuni Lal became an instant celebrity. He was worth more than all his fellow-villagers put together.

Advised by the village elders, Chuni Lal had gone to town in search of opportunities to invest his money. He returned after a long absence, sporting a pair of Levi jeans. Wherever he went, he carried a portable radio-cum-recorder which blared songs from the Hindi films so popular in town. Work he did none.

Instead, he recounted his adventures to all who were willing to listen — which meant everybody. What impressed them most was the tremendous amount of money he had spent. He had stayed in hotels where the cost of a bottle of foreign whisky and of a bed for the night to sleep it off added up to more than 1,000 rupees. He had squandered thousands on hopping from place to place by air.

But as the stories palled, he became the village bore. It was obvious that he had frittered away all his money. His family, shocked at first, had gradually become reconciled to the loss of his fortune, and, like other villagers, were heartily sick of his big talk.

Now, as Chuni Lal went around the village officiously making inquiries about the thefts, everybody heaved a sigh of relief: he had at last found something to do. He stopped to chat to Santaram, who had been saving for years to buy iron rods as supports for a new hut. Santaram had already brought a dozen pieces from town and laid them out carefully alongside his half-built hut, some way out of the village. He would soon be going to town again, Santaram mentioned to Chuni Lal, to buy more rods.

A few days later Chuni Lal sought out Santaram in the village and asked him whether he still needed iron rods. He had been able to buy some bargains, he explained smoothly, from an iron merchant



he knew in town. Santaram jumped at the offer, lugged the rods to the building site outside the village — and stopped in consternation.

The rods he had neatly arranged by the side of the hut were gone. But the ones he had just bought were exactly the same in number and size. The conclusion was inescapable. Dismayed, Santaram ran back to the village. "He who had set out to catch the thief," he cried angrily, "has turned out to be the thief himself."

Soon the villagers were all claiming that they had suspected Chuni Lal from the start. It was obvious, wasn't it, that with his fortune gone, he needed money for drink, smart clothes, cassettes for his tape recorder, and for his extravagant trips to town.

When they went to look for him, Chuni Lal was nowhere to be found. "I'll hang him the minute he returns," Soka Das told everybody. But the headman and the village elders knew that, even if it took them a long time, they must find a way to curb Chuni Lal. If they didn't, nothing would ever be safe from him.

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Next Saturday: The village moneylender's misfortune

Unrest in South Korea

Olympics truce ends

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

After a brief truce in deference to the Olympic Games, political hostilities have resumed in South Korea with violent demonstrations by students and an important parliamentary inquiry into allegations of state corruption, torture and murder.

At least 3,000 students armed with petrol bombs and metal pipes shattered the illusion of peace yesterday by charging out of Seoul National University, straight at the police.

A fierce clash involving rocks and volleys of tear gas ensued, but no serious injuries were reported. The demonstration, the biggest for months, was directed principally against former President Chun Doo Hwan.

Blaming him for the bloody suppression of an insurrection in the southern city of Kwangju in 1980, the students demanded that he be brought to trial by early next month. If he was not, they threatened to send thousands of militants to "execute" him.

In Kwangju, a dozen policemen were reported to have been injured by petrol bombs in a clash with about 300 students.

On Thursday, a mob of students stormed into the offices of Mr Chong Ho Yong, a former Defence Minister, and hurled petrol bombs from the windows. They chanted slogans demanding the execution of those responsible for the Kwangju incident, before being evicted and arrested by a police assault team. Mr Chong, a prominent member of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP), was not in his office at the time.

Of equal concern to the DJP is the work of 14 National Assembly committees, which began inspecting more than 500 government agencies this week for the first time in 16 years.

The annual audit was restored by the new democratic Constitution, and opposition parties which dominate the Assembly are taking full advantage of it. The most damaging scandal so far has involved the Defence Ministry, which admitted that thousands of people were interned in military concentration camps during the Chun regime.

Initial reports that 10,000 "hooligans and vagrants" were rounded up shortly after Mr Chun seized power in 1980 have proved incorrect. The figure has risen on closer inspection to 40,000, and opposition members are questioning senior officers about the official death toll of 50.

Further evidence has indicated that the inmates of the "re-education camps" may have been no worse off than their guards. According to the Ministry, 2,254 soldiers in the largely conscript Army have committed suicide since 1980, and 290 died as a result of unexplained "assault and battery".

The panel inspecting the Home Ministry is focusing on allegations of torture by policemen and framing of espionage charges by intelligence agents. Prominent on its list is Mr Chun Ki Hwan, a brother of the former President, who is suspected of meddling in police personnel administration.

Over the next week, other powerful agencies previously regarded as sacrosanct will be closely examined for misconduct. They include the Army Intelligence Command, the Agency for National Security Planning (formerly the Korean CIA), and the Defence Security Command.

None of this augurs well for the unpopular Mr Chun, awaiting his uncertain fate in a tightly-guarded mansion, or by association his successor, President Roh Tae Woo. The new President, elected by a popular but minority vote, says he wants to clear up the controversies by the end of the year and forge a new era of democracy and prosperity.

Pakistan overcomes final legal hurdle to elections

From Edward Gorman, Islamabad

Flooding in Punjab and the recent ethnic violence in Hyderabad and Karachi are not expected to prevent the holding of long awaited general elections in Pakistan which are due to start on November 16.

The final legal impediment to the elections for both provincial and national assemblies also appears to have been overcome this week after a Supreme Court judgement in their favour on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Miss Benazir Bhutto's prospects of becoming Prime Minister at the head of a Pakistan People's Party administration next month are now considered strong, although some observers doubt that her party will achieve an outright majority.

There had been fears that last week's massacre in Hyderabad and the violence which followed in Karachi may have been an attempt to destabilize the country before the elections and provoke a return to martial law.

While much of Sind province remains under curfew, most Western and Pakistani observers here believe the elections are not in imminent jeopardy. "I would never go as far as to say it was a certainty, but the indications are that the elections will go ahead," a Western diplomatic analyst said.

He added that there was renewed confidence in the election schedule following President Ishaq Khan's failure to play up either the Sind violence or the flooding. He also noted the President's repeated assurances that the caretaker Government was committed to holding what could turn out to be the first genuinely democratic multi-party elections since 1970.

An important additional factor paving the way for the polls is the rather curious decision by the Supreme Court in Rawalpindi on Wednesday. This was the latest in a series of complex rulings to untangle the constitutional improprieties of the late President Zia.



Mr Ishaq Khan: Has not played up Sind violence.

A High Court ruling in Lahore had declared his dissolution of the National Assembly on May 29 "unconstitutional". This was followed by a bizarre episode in which the Speaker, Mr Hamid Nassar Chattar, a close follower of the ousted Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, immediately tried to reconvene the Assembly, on the grounds that everything resulting from the dissolution must also be illegal — including the current caretaker Government and the proposed elections.

On Wednesday, however, the Supreme Court found in favour of the caretaker administration and against Mr Chattar. It upheld the unconstitutionality of President Zia's dissolution but ruled in favour of the elections resulting from it.

● Zia alliance: Supporters of the late President Zia have banded together to fight Miss Bhutto's party in the elections (Reuter reports). Leaders of eight mainly right-wing and religious parties said on Thursday the alliance would put up joint candidates.

Locust team attack

Khartoum (Reuter) — Specialists battling locust swarms near Sudan's border with Ethiopia have been pulled out and crop-spraying planes grounded after attacks by Ethiopian Air Force jets, the Sudan news agency reported.

Ethiopian aircraft reportedly fired on two vehicles and two spraying planes carrying out locust-control work. There were no reports of injuries. Sudan protested to Ethiopia about the attacks, which came when the two countries were co-operating in tackling the locusts.

Campus raid

Dhaka — More than 30 students were injured at a university campus here as gunmen raided a dormitory during a strike called by the opposition Awami League. The protest was over the killing of a student leader.

New fighter

Peking (AP) — China's Air Force has begun using a new, domestically built jet fighter, the *Liberation Army Daily* said. Western experts here said it was probably the F8-II, a high-altitude, supersonic twin-jet plane.

Tourism chief

Abidjan (Reuter) — The Ivory Coast named Mr Jean-Claude Delafosse as the new Tourism Minister, a post left vacant in a Cabinet reshuffle on September 30.

Smoking ban

Boston (AFP) — All policemen and firemen hired in the state of Massachusetts from January 1, 1989, will be barred from smoking — on or off the job — by a new law.

Rebels freed

Kampala (Reuter) — Uganda has released 950 prisoners, captured mainly from the north and east in the Army's continuing conflict with rebel groups, officials said.

Students hurt

Colombo (AFP) — About 70 Sri Lankan students were injured in clashes with security forces during an anti-government protest in the island's Southern Province, officials and residents said.

Aquino move

Manila (AP) — President Aquino of the Philippines said she would ban any trip abroad by administration officials which she deems is not urgent, to save money and ensure they perform their domestic duties.

Fijians march

Suva (AP) — Fiji celebrated its first anniversary as a republic with all 300 troops marching through the capital past Major-General Sitiveni Rabuka, the army commander who was behind the two coups last year.

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SIMON BARNES

I return from Seoul agog for news of non-league football: how, I fretted throughout the 40-hour-door-to-door-via-Seattle journey, are Westfield doing? Westfield, this column's favourite team of last season, the Eddie Edwardses of football, finished their season with a record of: won 0, drew 2, lost 32, goals for 10, goals against 151. They escaped relegation from the Danair Combined Counties League because the candidate from the feeder league did not have facilities up to the required standard.

So far this season, Westfield have played 8, lost 8, scored 0, conceded 27. "It's a definite improvement," said their secretary, Dick Hill. "We seemed to be letting in seven or eight every week last season, now it's only two or three. We've also been creating a lot of chances. We just need the players to put them away."

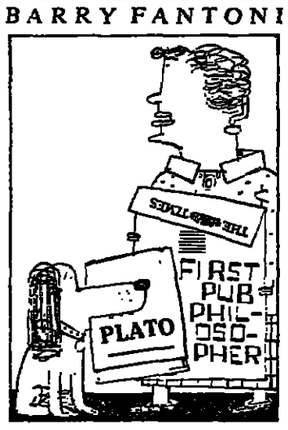
But Westfield face a tough challenge this season from their deadly local rivals, Chobham. Chobham have a near perfect record of their own: played 7, lost 7, scored 0, conceded 23. Dick Hill commented: "There's quite a lot of local rivalry because three years ago we had quite a useful side before Chobham took most of our players." He added: "It obviously didn't do them much good in the long run." Chobham's secretary, Daisy Walley, said after a recent defeat: "I think we may be turning the corner." If you find the world's pessimism overwhelming, and you seek refreshment of the spirit, just speak to the secretary of a non-league club.

Day one of post-Seoul jet-lag must be a reasonable reconstruction of Boxing Day Dislocation. For this reason, ensure that you acquire *The Ultimate One-Day Cricket Match* by Vic Marks (the Somerset captain) and Robin Drake, in time for December 26. The book is an ingenious game in which you captain England against the rest of the world, and make a series of decisions of tactical and even quasi-moral nature. If you take choice A, turn to p 54, choice B to p 56: that's how the whole thing works. I spent an enthralled jet-lagged afternoon leading the lads, scoring 0 – one of my highest scores of the season, as it happens – but ultimately taking England to a dramatic victory. The book is a beauty.

● **Here is one of the better transfer stories of the autumn, and it comes from rugby league. Oldham transferred their winger, Jeff Edwards, for £1,000 and four turnstiles. Not such a bad deal, actually – the turnstiles are worth £1,600 each.**

I received a letter from Barry fire station, from Barry Cahusac of Red Watch. He is running a charity auction at Exchange Hall, Cardiff, on October 19, full of sporting trivia and other treasured items. These include John Emburey's batting gloves, signed – will they help one to play the fall-over-sweep shot? – Fatima Whitbread's tracksuit, Chris Evert's racket cover. For Lot 27, the catalogue reads: "Mike Brearley: signed copy of his book *The Art of Captaincy*" (I know of a few who should read it!). Lot 66 is a signed photo of Eddie Edwards, and a copy of his record, *Fly Eddie Fly*. Postal bids are accepted: if bids in newspaper columns are accepted also, I hereby bid a tenner for the last.

BARRY FANTONI



'Arthur, the dog's asking to be taken round the block'

After being so far away, I have lost touch with this column's great preoccupation of the summer, under-11 cricket. The best I can manage is a story about a 12-year-old. Stephen Ash was making his first appearance in a league match of any kind, playing in the Reading League. His captain, clearly being the Right Sort of Bloke, asked him to bowl the final over. Ash took a wicket with his first ball. Is this, I am asked, a record for a 12-year-old making his debut in league cricket?

For aught I know, it is, but it does not necessarily betoken a golden future. The feat of taking a wicket with one's first ball in first-class cricket has been achieved a few times, but such a sparkling start has rarely been followed by great achievment. The first recorded instance was by H. Stubberfield for Sussex against Surrey in 1857. The most notable was Colin Blyth of Kent and England, against Yorkshire in 1899. The most recent was Chris Lethbridge, who did it for Warwickshire against Yorkshire in 1981 – the wicket being none other than Geoffrey Boycott's. But Lethbridge has since faded away. On this evidence, Stephen Ash's golden start would seem to predestine him for a future with the likes of Tewin Irregulars.

● **National Hunt racing remains resolutely chauvinistic. The prize for a woman owner who won at Cheltenham last week was a can of shaving foam.**

Matt Biondi, the American Olympic swimming ace, perfected his technique by swimming with dolphins. Biondi, who won five gold medals, has joined animal welfare activists and is lobbying for more effective laws to protect marine mammals. He sent letters from Seoul to Capitol Hill last week pleading for an end to the commercial netting of dolphins. He wrote: "I am extremely distressed that the US and foreign tuna fleets are massacring thousands of intelligent, gentle dolphins. We need a strong voice in the Senate to keep marine mammal protection laws afloat." To that, this column says: "Way to go, Matt!"

Land where hope has died

A special correspondent recently in Romania reports on life under the increasingly repressive Ceausescu

With a population of 4,000 and its single-storey and two-storey houses set in the rolling countryside, Ghermanesti, 20 miles north of Bucharest, is a typical Romanian village.

Two weeks ago peasant women were taken wailing from their homes as the bulldozers waited to begin the destruction of part of the village. Others made frantic efforts to salvage wood from the ruins so they had something to burn to heat their poorly heated new apartments.

The planned demolition of peasant houses, some built privately by their owners, others rented from the state, and most with their own plot of land for growing crops, is the next stage in the Romanian leader's project to modernize, or, as he has said, to "systematize", his country. It has been greeted with private and popular distress but, as a country which is ruled by the iron hand of the Ceausescu clan, little overt opposition.

A month ago an open letter to President Ceausescu signed by Mrs Doina Cornea, a lecturer living in the Transylvanian city of Cluj, and other Romanian dissidents, reached the West. It described the "systematization" project as the destruction of Romania's rural heritage and a tragedy for the whole country. Members of Romania's Hungarian minority, most of whom live in Transylvania, believe that Hungarian villages will suffer disproportionately. Many have fled to Hungary.

Few outsiders can get to see the policy in practice. The poor press the large-scale demolition of Romanian villages has had abroad has led the authorities to erect no-entry signs in some villages. Balotesti, just north of Bucharest, has a notice prohibiting entry to non-authorized persons – ie non-residents.

The authorities' obsession with internal security means that even Romanians who receive officially sanctioned foreign visitors now have to complete a pro-forma report form giving details of their discussions and of any "bribes" the foreigner has offered to obtain information about daily life.

A rare opposition manifesto, written by hand and calling for the restoration of democracy in Romania, was circulated anonymously in Bucharest two months ago. So terrified were the authorities by this highly unusual development, that they searched flats, stationery shops and factories, even trying to trace former employees, in an attempt to discover where the paper came from.

In place of their single houses, most of which have electricity and running water, as well as stabling for a few animals and a small plot of land for crops, country dwellers must now, like the city dwellers, contemplate life in high-rise blocks.

The heating in many of these blocks is inadequate (one tiled stove for three rooms), and individual flats are connected to the water mains only on payment of a fee.

So close together are the blocks that there is little land left for private crops. The small private agricultural sector which survives will be lost for good. The desperate shortages of fresh food will get worse.

Already, there are food shortages in every major town outside the capital. Bread, flour and sugar have been rationed since 1983; other basic foodstuffs such as eggs and butter are unavailable. Only blemished seasonal fruit and vegetables such as melons, apples, plums and carrots are occasionally to be found in the market places. Even in a big city like Cluj, there were no tomatoes in September. Good quality produce is sent for export to help repay the foreign currency debts Romania incurred in the 1970s.

There are debts to the Soviet Union, too. At the main Romanian-Soviet border crossing in the north of the country there are regular queues of lorries waiting to unload fresh Romanian produce into the refrigerated trucks of Soviet trains. According to one driver, they can wait in the queue for up to two weeks. That illustrates how much produce Romania is sending to its northern ally.

Inside Romania, meat is available only on the black market, at prices which are on average four times the official ones. In Buzau county in the north-east of the country, even the monthly rations have not been distributed for the last four months.

In many villages bread can be obtained only by bartering eggs. Families without chickens are forced to rely on the rations of relatives and friends in the towns. One young mother in Transylvania said she hitch-hiked 120 miles from her home town each weekend after work to take bread to her ageing mother who had no eggs to barter.

In Bucharest – whose ancient centre has been razed to make way for Ceausescu's new ceremonial avenue and administrative buildings – there is a chronic shortage of medicine. Pharmaceutical goods are delivered to chemists once a month, on the 15th. Huge queues form hours before opening, and even basic medicaments like aspirin soon sell out.

Although Romania produces its own oil, petrol is rationed – to 30 litres per month, 10 in winter, and public road transport is scarce. Such is the petrol shortage that ambulances will respond only to calls where the patient is under the age of 60. The old, it seems, are expendable.

But the young are in despair, too. Two weeks ago a man poured petrol over his clothing and set fire to himself outside the Canadian embassy in Bucharest after being refused an exit visa. The ban on abortions, which makes young women who have an abortion and the doctors who perform them liable to criminal charges, is widely disregarded.

Regulations on assembly restrict gatherings to twos and threes. In universities and other places where young people congregate, informal meetings inside the precincts are forbidden. In some districts, even Communist party meetings have been restricted to one every three months to limit the opportunities for discussion – and collusion.

For once, even the Soviet Union seems progressive. Little groups of people gather outside the Aeroflot office in central Bucharest to read the front page of *Pravda* which is posted outside every day. Inside they would find texts of recent Gorbachov speeches, printed on good quality paper, freely available. But most dare not go in to read them.

It is the human suffering and the pervasive fear which set Ceausescu's Romania apart from the other countries of the Warsaw Pact. The crass insensitivity of the regime to the feelings of the people and the complete lack of respect for human dignity have turned everyday existence in Romania into a living nightmare.

Anthony Quinton

Citizens, to the bureaucades!

The idea of the active citizen is likely to be a leading theme at the Conservative party conference next week. It will be the main topic, it has been suggested, of the Prime Minister's keynote speech. It has already been given preliminary airings by Douglas Hurd.

In a speech to the National Young Conservative conference in February, he said that for the revival of debilitated inner cities more was needed than a centrally provided flow of public money and government direction. Genuine communities could not be brought back to life without local leadership and local energy.

In April, speaking to his Witney constituency association, he called for greater social responsibility in more general terms. "Strong and able people," he said, "do not only have a responsibility to themselves and their families, they have a responsibility to the weak and less fortunate in the community." He went on: "Successful people owe their fellow citizens a share of their time and money voluntarily given as well as another share of their money compulsorily taken in taxation." As examples of "active citizenship" at work in his own sphere as Home Secretary he cited Neighbourhood Watch, crime prevention panels and victim support schemes.

Pursuing the subject last month on television he said that active citizenship and social responsibility would be at the top of the political agenda for the next decade and suggested that the Government might set a good example by giving civil servants leave to serve as school governors or on other voluntary organizations.

An initial obstacle to be surmounted is the fact that *citizen* is not, in the sense intended, a word much applied by the British to themselves. A good many might first come across it in William Cowper's *John Gilpin*, who, it will be recalled, "was a citizen, of credit and renown". But he was a citizen in the sense of being a burgess, a substantial townsman, one of the few, in his age, to have the vote. We come across the word in its modern, and more comprehensive, interpretation in Baroness Orczy, for example, and any book or film about the French Revolution in which people address each other with such remarks as: "Well, citizen, Madame La Guillotine has cropped another harvest of *aristos*". A measure of emancipated rectitude is implied, as with the word "comrade".

It is to this spirit that Americans are always amused to find that while they are American *citizens* we are British *subjects*. That can be partly explained by the fact that we have retained at least the outward form of the monarchy which they defined themselves as a nation by discarding. But there is a view of history strongly held by Tom Paine and still favoured by some progressive people which traces the habit of deference to authority they see in the English people to the latter's long training in subservience to the Normans in their remote Saxon past.

Whether this has any plausibility as an explanation of a widespread unwillingness to get involved, which is one of the ways in which our national characteristics of reserve and insistence on privacy still manifest themselves, there is plainly a good deal of reluctance among the public at large to do what they see as the government's work for it.

It is possibly significant that the most recent widespread British institution to have the word "citizen" in its title is the Citizens Advice Bureaux. I do not imagine it would occur to anyone to go to a Citizens Advice Bureau to find out how he could contribute to the welfare of the community at large. The bureaux exist, rather, to inform people about their rights and entitlements.

An active citizen must be someone who does more than the law requires of him and, perhaps, does not claim all from the state to which he is entitled by law, with deliberate intent and not by some mischance. To that extent any productively



hard-working person is an active citizen. To be such a thing in the narrower sense that Mr Hurd has in mind it is necessary that what one does should take a load off the state by contributing directly to the well-being of the community in various direct ways which the state has come to be in the habit of doing, particularly in health, education and culture.

In supporting these things – and organizing the fund-raising – Britain is a long way behind the United States. There most cultural activity that does not pay its way at the box-office or best-seller counter is privately paid for: opera houses, art galleries, libraries, museums. The same is true of a great deal of higher education, especially of the very best. The role of private philanthropy in hospitals is made clear by the names of benefactors that adorn their constituent parts.

Admittedly, the US is a much richer country and, until recently, moderately well-off people (let alone the very rich) kept a far bigger proportion of their income after taxation than here. Almost as important has been the US law giving substantial tax benefits for charitable gifts – none of the extraordinary flim-flam about covenanting, whether for seven or four years, with which offical inanity has encumbered us.

American social attitudes and practices are much more closely attuned to philanthropy. On the one hand well-off people seem to spend much of their free time at social events which they pay heavily to attend and attendance at which is loyally chronicled by gossip columnists. Here there has to be at least a concert to get chequebooks opened.

Many Britons overhouse themselves. The old rich live in expensive ruins whose repairs have to be financed by a steady leakage of works of art on to the market. The newer rich imitate them. By contrast the homes of the American rich are efficient *machines à habiter* which one would be quite happy to leave for a charity cocktail party or dinner.

What the campaign for active citizenship seems to be saying is that the large remission of cruelly sumptuary taxation that has recently taken place should not be regarded as a kind of free pardon. Unless those benefited put some of it to social purposes they may well find it taken away again. At least they can now decide on what particular purpose it is to be spent, instead of having that decided for them in Whitehall. Since it is their own money to dispose of they may be able to manage its publicly useful application more economically than were the redistributive functionaries of the welfare state.

The non-monetary aspect of active citizenship is the giving of time, attention and energy to public causes; to local government, school governing bodies, hospital boards and to any organization that may help to turn a juxtaposed mass into a community. To put the point mildly; local councils appear to be too full of interested parties, with an eye either on contracts or on welfare hand-outs.

It is not clear that encouraging adjurations will bring more impressive people to the task. The units of local government are either too small or too large. A regional authority is somewhere a public-spirited person could shine and be effective in a way he or she could not in a county denuded, for local government purpose, of its big town or towns.

On the other hand those curtailed counties or towns are too large for those who live in them to have the kind of face-to-face personal knowledge people have of each other in a village or a village-like segment of a town.

Mr Hurd's point about people retiring earlier and being healthier in later life is well taken. A pool of suitable candidates for school governorships and the committees of voluntary bodies certainly exists. To make their way into local government they have to work through or against the political parties. And, of course, the places most in need of regeneration through voluntary effort are least likely to have the human resources to help bring it about.

Even the solitary individual can be valuably active as a citizen. It was heartening to read of the woman who, when a smoking teenager blew smoke over her after she had politely drawn his attention to the no-smoking sign, drenched him with a fire-extinguisher. Unfortunately the story as I read it did not give the name of this detestable lout. In such cases it would be as well to name the parents who contributed to his delinquency. There is room for a lot of active citizenship in the home in a society where most crime is committed by those who are not yet adult.

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Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

The truth as victim

New York

"Frankly," said George Bush's campaign chairman the morning after the first television debate, so you knew right off something disingenuous was coming, "Frankly," said Jim Baker, "he [Bush] thinks a woman in a situation like that would more properly be considered a victim . . . that she would need help and love and not punishment." In the debate, Michael Dukakis accused Bush of wanting to brand women seeking abortions as criminals and Bush conceded that he hadn't "sorted out" the punishment thing. Overnight, he sorted it out.

I love the image. George Bush – perhaps the least reflective man in American public life – runs off after the debate, skipping the post-mortem: ("Sorry, guys, got some hard thinkin' to do . . . ") and retires to his hotel room to struggle alone with his conscience over this obvious question that had never occurred to him in his years of uttering inconsistent statements on the subject of abortion. Perhaps he reads a bit of Kant or calls up the conservatives' favourite living philosopher, Professor Allan Bloom, at the University of Chicago, author of the best-selling tract *The Closing of the American Mind*. ("Hate to bother you, professor . . . Yes, I know it's 4 am . . . "). He emerges at dawn, haggard and red-eyed, but with a new moral synthesis to reveal to his followers: punish the doctor, "help and love" the patient.

But it won't do. The Republican platform declares that "the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children." This bit of constitutional codework means simply that the foetus should be considered a person with full constitutional rights. Therefore, abortion is murder. A woman who hires an abortionist is exactly like a woman who hires a contract killer to knock off her child. Since the Republican platform also endorses the death penalty, it seems that Republicans actually sanction the execution of women who choose abortion.

Now maybe George Bush doesn't agree with every provision of the GOP platform, which on many issues is not as moderate as he wishes to portray himself. Of course, Bush *is* a card-carrying member of the Republican Party. In fact, his role is somewhat larger than that of Michael Dukakis's with the American Civil Liberties Union – and Bush berates Dukakis for being "a card-carrying member" of this organization. Bush, like Dukakis, should be forced to produce a list of the items on which he disagrees with this extremist organization.

But even crediting Bush with more sense than his party, his new abortion line is deficient. No coherent theory of criminality can brand an activity as criminal while labelling someone who wilfully procures that activity as a "victim". The nearest analogy would be "decriminalizing" the purchase of drugs, while keeping the laws against drug dealers – a view certainly not shared by Bush. The Bush synthesis ignores all the standard criminal law doctrines regarding accomplices, conspirators, etc. "Help?". "Love?" Talk about being soft on crime!

So maybe Bush should rethink. What the heck, he's done it before. In 1980 he favoured government funding of abortions for victims of rape and incest. By 1984 he had "no recollection" of this, and opposed abortion under all circumstances. ("My position is like Ronald Reagan's. Put that down. Mark that down. Good. You got it.") Now the rape and incest exception is OK again.

Abortion is just one area where Bush is tripping over himself in his search for the middle ground. The Republican National Committee has put out a fat book entitled, *The Hazards of Duke*, all about the perils of Dukakis-style liberalism. It features a facetious "Warning to User: Dukakis positions are subject to change without notice". In a press release, the Republican chairman, Frank Fahrenkopf, calls Dukakis "a chameleon".

I opened the volume at random and found an indictment of the minimum wage as a destroyer of jobs. The next page attacks government-mandated parental leave as an excessive burden on small business. Warning to user: Bush now favours both these Dukakoid-liberal excesses. He says he wants to increase the minimum wage.

Bush has been amazingly successful at getting away with these mid-course corrections, or "flip-flops" as they are called in American politics. Why? Well, the case against flip-flops is not that a politician has changed his mind, but the suspicion that he *hasn't* really changed his mind. It's hard to make a convincing case that George Bush is a secret extremist, since he so obviously lacks political principles of any sort. His very record of life-long flip-flops and postures of convenience protects him. Dukakis, by contrast, has given some evidence of believing what he says, though this is a disadvantage he is working hard to overcome.

It's tempting to ask what it says about Bush that he has been opining about abortion all these years without having even thought of one of the central questions the issue raises. But what this says about Bush's mental capacity or reflectiveness is less important than what it says about the Reaganization of American politics: the fleeing by politicians of all stripes (Dukakis, too) from the suggestion that any policy on any subject may have undesirable consequences. We can spend without paying, go to war without killing or dying, criminalize abortion without making women criminals.

"The truth hurts," brags Bush at every campaign stop, then he promises not to raise taxes. When has he ever told an audience a truth that hurts, except by accident?

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Although the huge fishing fleets in search of the herring have gone from the East Anglian ports there are many people in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft who recall crowded quays and the arrival of the Scottish girls who could gut a fish "like a flash of light."

English Herring Season

1,600 vessels engaged

The English herring-fishing season has begun at Lowestoft and Yarmouth. About 600 English vessels and 1,000 Scottish vessels are engaged in the industry, and if the season is favourable, enormous quantities of herrings will be landed during the next two months.

The annual invasion of English fishing ports from Scotland has now resumed its old dimensions. It is computed that as many as 10,000 fishermen have come south after the herring shoals this year. Curing for export at Yarmouth and Lowestoft is largely in the hands of Scottish curers, and they bring down their own staff of gutters, packers, and kippering women. Many of the workers come from the Outer Hebrides and from the Orkney and Shetland Islands, and Gaelic songs will be sung at night in Norfolk streets in the coming two months.

There was a partial failure of the summer herring-fishing in Scottish waters, and the industry is depending on the English season to provide compensation for the poor results further north. There is in fact a balance of the Government guarantee for the year available for the Scottish fishing to be added to the minimum amount allocated to the English season.

In normal times 60 per cent of the herrings caught are salted and exported to the Continent. The chief markets before the war were those of Russian and German Poland. Under existing conditions these districts are unable to buy, and the markets are practically closed. If it were not for Government action, the herring fishing could not be carried on, and men who served the country well during the war would be without a means of livelihood. To meet the situation the Government last year, and again this year, have guaranteed the fishermen a fair price for their catches, within certain limitations as to quantity. Larger quantities are sold for immediate consumption in this country, to kipper curers, or to people who cure for export to Italian, French and Belgian markets. The guarantee does not apply to these sales, but it has the indirect effect of ensuring that the average price does not fall below 45s a cran.

The amount of the guarantee for this year was £3,000,000, of which £1,800,000 was allotted to the Scottish fisheries. The season was so poor, however, that the full amount was not expended, and as a result £1,700,000 is now available for the fishing based on Yarmouth and Lowestoft. The Government is represented by a committee, with headquarters at Yarmouth, which is authorized to purchase and sell cured herrings. The curer is required to store and keep in good condition, free of charge, all herrings and the barrels containing them accepted from the date of acceptance until shipment or final disposal, subject to a provision that the obligation shall not continue beyond September 5, 1921.

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CHILDREN OF ALGIERS

Nothing but the timing of the riots which devastated Algiers this week could have surprised the country's leadership. The sources of the worst explosion of popular discontent in President Chadli Bendjedid's nine years at the helm were spelled out with commendable frankness a fortnight ago by Chadli himself, in a discourse broadcast repeatedly on the state-controlled radio.

Insisting that his austerity programmes were the only way to confront the country's "deep and permanent crisis", he lashed out at the entire apparatus of state power for failing to implement them. Factory managers who never left their offices, industries which produced shoddy goods without regard to market demand, waste, bureaucratic inertia, the monopoly of authority, failure to stamp out speculation and the black market – all were the targets of Chadli's public Jeremiad.

For the industrial workers themselves, whose strikes presaged this week's riots, the issues were simpler. Their frozen wages buy less and less. Meat and vegetables are almost out of reach of the average family and semolina, the staple diet of the poor, is frequently unobtainable. Acute water shortages in the capital had added to a grimness which will not be appeased by presidential sermons on the need to work harder. The rioters articulated the conviction that Chadli's promise of "a better life" seems less and less likely to materialize.

President Chadli insists that Algeria's economic and financial crisis has not yet reached crisis point. It is true that Algeria still honours its debts in full and has balanced its current account by lopping $2.5 billion a year off its imports. Reforms of the unproductive state industries are being attempted and the inefficient co-operative farms are being broken up. But reforms, which would anyway be difficult to push through a party structure whose rigidity rivals that of the Soviet Union, are imperilled by the sharp drop in oil and gas prices, on which Algeria depends for 95 per cent of its foreign currency earnings.

The President's policy of encouraging the private sector has been sharply contested by party hardliners as a betrayal of the revolution. It has produced a new elite whose affluence in North Africa's most egalitarian society was an explicit target of the rioters. If the economic crisis is indeed manageable, Chadli is now under notice that the social crisis threatens to engulf his policies.

"The people", says Algeria's most celebrated political exile, Ahmed Ben Bella, "are hungry for bread, liberty and democracy." Chadli is disposed to agree on the last two counts, provided debate is kept within one-party terms, and has pleaded with the "militants" to listen to what the "citizens" have to say. Even this relative flexibility, however, short as it falls of what Ben Bella means, challenges powerful interests and ideological obsessions among the rulers. He now has two options.

The first is to repress the symptoms by any means, including armed force, and hope that the fruits of the austerity programme will ripen before the next round. The second is to use the state of emergency to divest himself of the more blatantly incompetent and corrupt managers who have refused to remove themselves voluntarily. That would help to appease a major grievance among the poor, which is the conviction that they alone are required to bear the brunt of austerity.

It would also help to speed up the reform programme. But this requires at least two further measures which go against the Algerian grain. The first, on which the Government has embarked, albeit too timidly, is to encourage foreign investment, which has been frozen out by rigid nationalist legislation, red tape and socialist rhetoric. The second is to accelerate work-creating programmes.

The choices are not easy, but the message left by the children of Algiers in the sacked shopping malls of Riyadh-el-Feth is that they cannot eat paper plans and drink words. Instead of dismissing them as a disruptive minority, the Government may still have a chance to enlist them. President Chadli said last month that he insisted on "the necessity of allowing every person to express himself". Now that he would appear violently to have been taken at his word, he must resist the temptation to shut the window.

EDUCATED TOGETHER

Integrated education in Northern Ireland would go a long way towards welding the Protestant and Roman Catholic communities into one. The principal obstacle is the resistance of the Roman Catholic Church. These two propositions do little more than state the obvious. The problem is that integrated education is not a solution which can be imposed from outside.

To try to do so would be resented by both communities as no more than another uncomprehending panacea from the other side of the Irish Sea. It would be regarded as a product of the tendency to think that if only the Irish could be more like the Scots, Welsh, or English, most of their problems would go away.

But this does not mean that the whole idea of integrated education should be abandoned. On the contrary, it will receive the attention it deserves only if the Government is prepared to push it. In this respect the policy document on the future of education in the province, published by the Northern Ireland Department of Education this week, makes a positive contribution. It contains a declaration in support of integrated education and an undertaking to foster it where possible.

The document adds, however, that the Government is "especially encouraged" by the support for integrated education that was expressed to it in consultations held before the document was written. This is less than the whole truth, and that fact must be squarely faced. The Government must know that there is nothing like a consensus in support of integrated education, and that powerful vested interests of all kinds and from both sides of the religious divide are ranged against it. It is not only the Roman Catholic Church which opposes educating Protestants and Catholics together. There is much hostility in parts of the Protestant community too.

It would have been wiser to put the evidence of support in that wider context. It would also have been wiser to recognize that some of the opposition has reason and principle on its side and that the willingness to experiment which is now needed from the Catholic community will be forthcoming only if it feels its sensitivities and legitimate interests will be respected. So far, the Catholic Church has been more or less unbending.

Far from approving the experiments that have been started, it has sought to undermine them. In one instance it has refused to appoint a Catholic chaplain; in others it has refused to allow children in such schools to be confirmed. This is a poor record.

The Government's new statement of intention presents the Catholic Church with an opportunity to review its whole position. If it is serious about fostering communal harmony in Northern Ireland, the question it must answer is not how best it can frustrate the Government's intentions, but how far it could go in co-operating with them.

It is not impossible, in principle, for the Roman Catholic Church to countenance integrated schools: they exist elsewhere, with full church blessing. But opinion in the Catholic Church in Ireland will take some shifting, and the Government will need to exert steady pressure. The least the Catholic Church should do is to undertake to study the problem afresh, perhaps with the assistance of well-disposed people from the other churches.

Such a study would have to explore some fundamental questions, for the separation of Northern Ireland schools into what are, in effect, parallel Catholic and Protestant systems is one of the principal causes of the separation of cultures in the province. Those who mark examination papers note that they can tell, within a few sentences, whether the author is Catholic or Protestant, even when they are identified by numbers alone.

Schools implant social identity, and the defence of their distinctive character is an understandable reaction from those who feel their identity threatened. But it is a negative and fatalistic approach, implying that the wider inter-communal problems in Northern Ireland are beyond solution. There is sufficient movement towards integrated education already, from Catholic and Protestant parents, to justify the investment of money and energy by the Government and serious attention by all other interested parties.

LIGHTING UP LONDON

The rock musician Jean-Michel Jarre will add lustre to the development of London's Docklands tonight with his unique variation of *son et lumière*. It is, he says, more of an opera than a rock show – but one does not need to agree with *that* to wish him well.

The technical achievement will be considerable. An effusion of lasers, fireworks and music will bathe the Royal Victoria docks in a manner which surely befits Victorian confidence. Up to 12 river barges are to be tethered together to provide a waterborne stage. The Thames has been closed to commercial traffic, and public transport increased to ferry the crowds.

It is not a world "first". M Jarre's pyrotechnic extravaganzas have already attracted huge audiences in China, Paris, Lyons and Houston – where the crowd of 1.2 million broke all previously recognized records for a concert. But this one is also an achievement in terms of sheer persistence. Its creator's original proposal for an even more grandiose spectacle last month, was turned down by Newham Borough Council on the grounds that it might endanger public safety.

Undaunted, M Jarre and his team re-drafted their plan and proposed two smaller concerts instead. Even so, 110,000 people are expected to take their places on the specially erected stands. Up to a million are expected to watch free from the river and open spaces.

M Jarre's success in winning final approval from Newham is some consolation for his recent defeat in Paris. He wanted to stage a second, still bigger event there next year to mark the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille. But it transpired that the annual economic summit of the world's top industrial nations was due there the very same day. Security men said "Non" to M Jarre's sideshow – despite the enthusiasm of its sponsor M Jacques Chirac.

Defeated over the French Revolution, M Jarre turned to the Industrial Revolution instead. The Docklands backdrop, with its derelict cranes and disused sheds alongside new high-rise blocks, apparently so inspired the impresario that he pursued his idea despite doubts as to whether he would recover his costs. The publicity he should receive for his records is probably reward enough.

The event has spawned its own controversy. There is concern about the impact it might have on London traffic; some have predicted jams of unprecedented proportions. The invasion of Docklands by yet another army of outsiders has rekindled the Eastenders' suspicion of "yuppie" culture. This is unjust.

"Destination Docklands" (its given name) promises to be big and brash – even for the pop music world, which is not widely known for decorum and quiet good taste. But it is also brave and hugely different. As the days diminish, a cold wind blows across the river and Britain prepares to settle down for winter, M Jarre is adding some Gallic colour to the grey, urban environment east of the Tower of London. He deserves good weather and a handsome crowd.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dr Owen defends Callaghan record

From Dr David Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport (SDP)

Sir, Your editorial ("Defence commitments", October 7) refers to the leaked dispatch sent to me by Sir Nicholas Henderson, then our Ambassador to Paris, just before the general election in the spring of 1979. When I first read it I commented that it was written for publication and so it proved to be.

At the time, in the aftermath of the "winter of discontent", Britain looked in bad shape from London, let alone Paris. Our economic decline had not been reversed and many of us within that Labour Government knew that we deserved to lose the forthcoming election. But to say, as your editorial does, that the politics of realism in foreign affairs started from the trough of 1979 is dangerous nonsense.

It is also a wholly unjustified slur on the courage and patriotism of Jim Callaghan, who in 1979, as the incoming Prime Minister, rightly insisted that Britain could not spend its way out of recession and that we had to fight on the basis of IMF-imposed public-expenditure cuts.

Nevertheless, that Government, in a series of foreign policy decisions in a difficult financial climate, never once backed off from upholding British national interests world wide, as the following decisions amply demonstrate:

1. The Nato summit decision in 1977 and 1978 that all countries should increase their defence spending from 3 per cent was fully honoured and upheld.

2. The Chevaline Polaris warhead modification programme started in 1973, was renewed in both 1977 and 1978 and was maintained despite the staggering cost escalation.

3. In autumn, 1977, a naval force was sent in secret to the Falkland islands with rules of engagement allowing them to fire on any Argentinian invasion force.

4. In 1978 Nato's decision to opt for the modernisation of its theatre nuclear forces was undertaken and followed through right up until that 1979 election.

5. In 1978 the cuts in Britain's overseas aid programme were largely restored, the forward budget expanded, the debt write-off for the poorest nations started.

6. In 1978 the Shah of Iran was supplied with CS gas in order to help to persuade him to use minimum force to maintain law and order, while the United States Government equivocated.

7. From 1977 to 1979 Britain had resolutely refused to accept anything less than fair and free elections for a majority government in Rhodesia and, despite widespread right-wing criticism, laid the foundation for Lord Carrington's successful Lancaster House Conference and an independent Zimbabwe in 1980.

8. In 1979 the Labour Government was committed to a *Europe des patries*: joined the EMS (European Monetary System), though not the exchange-rate mechanism; started to negotiate for a budgetary compensation mechanism and, with the support of the European Commission, was holding out for a price freeze on the CAP (common agricultural policy) only for it to be foolishly dropped by the incoming Conservative Government.

When the history of the Thatcher period of government comes to be written in many other areas of policy, such as monetarism and in the education debate, it will be shown that they were building on a realism that started in the Callaghan Government.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID OWEN,
House of Commons.
October 7.

Drugs at Olympics

From Mr R. D. Burnell

Sir, Bruce Grainger (October 1) raises some interesting points. But whilst he rightly points out that it is not reasonable to expect every GP or school coach to be familiar with the list of IOC (International Olympic Committee) proscribed drugs, and their relationship to routine medication, this excuse cannot extend to team doctors, managers, and coaches at Olympic and world championship level.

These "minders" of international athletes undoubtedly regard themselves as being "part of the team", and claim part of the glory of success. The corollary of this is that they must also share responsibility for failure, and for cheating when it occurs.

If it were established that punishment of guilty athletes would automatically apply equally to those who have been "minding" them I fancy there would be fewer infringements.

It is even arguable that the "team concept" should encompass all individuals competing in a particular event for a particular country. If one member of a rowing crew or hockey team were to be disqualified, then the whole crew or team would necessarily be out of the competition and the country concerned would no longer be represented in that event.

This is not so in the case of an erring weight lifter or sprinter, for example. That is inequitable. Furthermore, considering the frequency with which more or less distinguished athletes publicly voice their opinion that drug abuse is rife amongst their rivals, one is led to believe that they know, before and better than anyone else, what is going on.

If they also knew that their own aspirations were being put in jeopardy by the sins of their team mates there would surely be fewer sinners.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD BURNELL,
Alders Farm House,
North Moreton,
Didcot,
Oxfordshire.
October 3.

Identifying victims

From Professor P. H. Plesch

Sir, The unidentified victim of the King's Cross disaster prompts the following suggestion: let every wearer of a metallic "spare part", e.g., denture, hip joint, kneecap, etc., be given the option of having engraved upon it the name or national insurance number or some other symbol by which the owner can be identified.

Whilst not 100 per cent effective, it would ease the task of the police in identifying the bodies made unrecognisable by fire, water, burial, etc. My emphasis is on "giving the option" to forestall objections on grounds of "incipient police state" etc.

Yours,
P. H. PLESCH,
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Newcastle-Under-Lyme,
North Staffordshire.
October 5.

A plea for pews

From Mr Michael Austin

Sir, Correspondents (August 26; September 1, 6, 7, 17, 23) may be interested to hear that I recently purchased a redundant pew from St Michael's Church, Powis Square, Brighton for my reception area. It looks very well with the mahogany bar-top reception desk and church heating-grill coffee table. Though rather uncomfortable to sit upon, the pew, being narrow, takes up little space.

Now my receptionist is not sure whether to ask incoming patients "what's yours?" or to "take a pew"!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL AUSTIN
(Dental practitioner),
The Pantiles, Shirley Drive,
Hove, Sussex.

Silver linings

From Mrs Rosemary Mudie

Sir, Last Saturday I had my wallet, containing £25 in notes, stolen from my handbag while I was in Marks & Spencer's Marble Arch store. Fortunately I keep my credit cards separately and so still had them. M & S staff took the details and suggested I inform the police.

The point of writing is this. The help and sympathy I received was heartwarming. It was raining. I asked a taxi driver the way to the police station. He took me there and would not accept payment (I did have a few coins left in my purse).

Hearing that my return railway ticket to Hampshire had been in the stolen wallet the woman police constable who took the report gave me a note for BR which they accepted without demur in lieu of a ticket.

I tried to get some money from a bank cashpoint but it was closed. It was still raining. I asked another cab driver what the fare would be to Waterloo, explaining that I might not have enough coins and my wallet had been stolen.

He told me to get in, he would give me his address and I could send him the money; at the station he accepted a cheque but would have as happily let me pay later, and made sure I had enough cash for a telephone call. The new train even had a telephone so that I could contact my husband en route.

A miserable experience was made bearable by the police, by London taxi drivers and by BR.

Yours faithfully,
ROSEMARY MUDIE,
Bywater Lodge,
Lymington, Hampshire.
September 26.

Bangladesh floods

From Sir Charles Pereira, FRS

Sir, The excellent *Panorama* programme (October 3) on the flood disaster in Bangladesh conveyed vividly the resilience of a people inured to hardship. They are settled precariously on the mud flats of a delta built up in historical times from soil washed down from the Himalayas.

The causes of the present disaster were neatly presented. The high flows are due to the random behaviour of the monsoon over the vast Himalayan catchment areas. The catastrophic spread of the floodwaters over the delta is due to deposition in the drainage channels of soil washed from the mountains of Nepal.

Nepal's subsistence farmers have been driven by excessive rates of population growth up on to slopes too steep for any stable form of agriculture. The same population pressure has turned the delta from an historic centre of wealth to an overcrowded poverty. *Panorama* described the flooding of the delta by people as well as by water, with 40 per cent of the population estimated to be below 10 years of age. The President acknowledged that population growth is his basic problem.

Yet the international aid policy of donor governments has not yet faced up to the failure of the politically comfortable philosophy that problems of population growth disappear as living standards rise. For Bangladesh, Nepal, and a score of countries in sub-Saharan Africa with a total of some 10 per cent of humanity, excessive population growth is the major obstacle to the improvement of standards of living.

In the donor nations confused and evasive attitudes to the abatement of human fecundity have resulted in low priorities and trivial funds for the necessary research. The outcome is that flood and famine become the ultimate biological controls.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES PEREIRA,
Peartrees, Nestor Court,
Teston,
Maidstone, Kent.
October 4.

Success rate at the universities

From Dr Ewan Page

Sir, Your article, "Cambridge top in undergraduate success rate" (October 5) based on a combined report published by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the University Grants Committee, exhibits in stark fashion precisely the dangers I warned against in that report: namely, that league tables will always be misleading, particularly when they are based on one only of the many sets of statistics.

The table accompanying the article is based on one out of six columns of figures from seven out of 19 subject groups which make up just one of the 11 major tables in our report. The particular column chosen shows the percentage of students completing the course.

For example, Stirling is shown correctly as having the highest success rate in engineering and technology. What is not shown is that these figures relate to only two students. City is shown as top in humanities. The figure relates to six students.

Again, Cambridge is shown as top in four out of the seven subject groups you chose from the 19 listed. Another table shows that in two of those subjects Cambridge entrants had the highest mean A-level scores. (In the other two subjects the A levels are not available). A-level scores are a better measure of the success of schools than of universities but they do tell us something about the competition for a Cambridge place.

In the report we warned that very few important characteristics of a university can be described by a single number; most require several numbers to give even a partial picture and still leave significant features omitted.

It will never – well, hardly ever – be appropriate to form a league table from a simple ordering of one of the sets of statistics. I warned in my preface that "uncritical use of these statistics may seriously damage the health of the universities". I now think they may do still more damage to the reputation of unwary newspapers.

Yours sincerely,
EWAN PAGE, Chairman,
University Management Statistics Committee,
Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom,
29 Tavistock Square, WC1.
October 5.

From the Director of the School of Education, Exeter University

Sir, The league table of universities' "success rate" at getting students through their exams illustrates what a complete nonsense the performance indicators approach to educational evaluation really is.

Any relief I felt at seeing my own department in the top 10 for education soon evaporated when I looked at the full Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals figures. First of all *The Times* report and table had done a mischief by producing a rank order when none was suggested in the original report. Secondly, the CVCP document, despite its disclaimers, invites a league-table view of university evaluation by giving so much prominence to quantitative as opposed to qualitative data.

Closer scrutiny of the figures shows how silly the exercise can be. Among the six universities at the top of the education list were Cambridge and Swansea which had a total of nine and six students respectively, all of whom completed their course. Another was Aberdeen whose one student, albeit after six years of study, graduated successfully, giving the university a 100 per cent pass rate. Failure would have meant humiliation at the bottom of the league with 0 per cent.

I am much in favour of improving efficiency, especially as universities are nowadays genuinely hard up, but the accountancy-led emphasis on crude performance indicators is akin to erecting a string of sand castles on Britain's beaches and regarding them as an adequate defence of the realm.

Yours sincerely,
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Exeter, Devon.
October 6.

Comparative education

From Mr W. K. Lesiecki

Sir, Perhaps Kenneth Baker will be able to explain to his Soviet hosts why his Institute of Education cannot afford to reappoint a Soviet and eastern European expert, following the retirement of the previous incumbent in the Department of International and Comparative Education.

The seemingly low priority afforded to comparative education can be seen in other teacher-training institutions precisely at the time when it both could and should be serving this country's interest and needs.

Comparative education is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

Yours faithfully,
W. K. LESIECKI,
14 Drayton Road, W13.
October 3.

Churchyard care

From Miss Eve Dennis

Sir, Strong feelings are aroused by the subject of churchyard management, as evidenced by your recent correspondence on the subject (September 22, 27). Since most churchyards originally were carved out of ancient meadows at the time when the church was built, one would suppose that it is not too difficult to "resurrect" a flower-filled grassland – something that many people are trying to do elsewhere these days, only to discover that it is not so easy to re-create the right kind of habitat.

According to the Nature Conservancy Council, approximately 95 per cent of our ancient herb-rich meadows have been lost and many older folk nostalgically are looking back at memories of walking through flower-filled meadows.

Surely, a churchyard should be a place where both visitor and grieving relative alike can find balm and signs of life and vibrant beauty. What better reflection of God's creation!

For those wanting to encourage the native flora and fauna of their churchyards, a conservation management guidelines leaflet, "Nature in Churchyards", is obtainable from this address (free with s.a.e.).

Yours faithfully,
EVE DENNIS
(Development Officer,
Church and Conservation Project),
The Arthur Rank Centre,
National Agriculture Centre,
Stoneleigh,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire.
September 30.

Erosion of footpaths

From Mr I. A. Williamson

Sir, Footpath erosion is unfortunately a major problem within most of our mountain areas. Whilst many restoration schemes blend with the landscape it is alarming that the recent works leading into the heart of Snowdon from the head of Llanberis Pass are of particularly visually-intrusive and insensitive natures.

Thus the famous "pig track", leading up to the Bwich Mor on the flanks of Crib Goch, has been surfaced with standard blue road chippings, despite the colour of the natural weathered rock outcrops being greyish or brownish! Incredibly in this day of landscape awareness the visual impact is rendered even more horrific by the use of pre-cast concrete side drains and sometimes steps on some of the steeper parts.

Accordingly the lower section of one of the most popular and frequented mountain tracks in the British Isles has been truly denigrated. It must not be allowed to happen elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN A. WILLIAMSON,
8 Gale Howe Park,
Ambleside, Cumbria.

Greek reservoir

From Mr J. S. P. Buckland

Sir, In your "Spectrum" article (September 30) you say that Pergamum was supplied with water by means of a syphon between source and city.

What you have described is an *inverted* syphon, or U, which depends for its flow on one arm (fed from the reservoir) being higher than the other (supplying the city). A commonsense plumbing knowledge of water levels and flows in pipes would predict its success perfectly well.

The remarkable feature of the design is the hydrostatic pressure in the U, which would rise by one atmosphere (15 pounds per square inch) for every vertical 34ft or so that the pipe descended.

Given that the valley is 600ft below the reservoir, the water pressure at the bottom of the U is therefore around 18 atmospheres, or 265 psi, over atmosphere, about the maximum steam pressure inside a high pressure locomotive boiler at the end of the 19th century.

How pottery pipes were made to contain this pressure without bursting like shrapnel shells is the key design problem.

With compliments, yours faithfully,
J. S. P. BUCKLAND,
59 Wooler Street, SE17.
September 30.

The fax fairy

From Mr K. J. Carter

Sir, Perhaps Mr Whitehouse (October 5) should arrange for the tooth fairy to make payment directly into his young daughter's account by electronic funds transfer.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN CARTER,
Brynteg, Clay Lane,
Beenham, Berkshire.
October 5.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 7: The Prince of Wales was represented this morning by the Lady White at a memorial service for Sir Hywel Evans at Conway Road Methodist Church, Cardiff.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 7: The Duchess of Kent, Controller Commandant of The Women's Royal Army Corps and President of the WRAC Association, today attended the Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Auxiliary Territorial Service, in St Paul's Cathedral.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent celebrates his birthday tomorrow.

Birthdays

TODAY: the Marquess of Anglesey, 66; Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, 59; Sir John Boyd, trades unionist, 71; Viscount Caldecote, 71; Lord Caradon, 81; Professor Garth Chapman, zoologist, 71; Sir Nicolas Cheetham, diplomat, 78; Professor Sir Alastair Currie, pathologist, 67; Professor H.E. de Wardener, nephrologist, 73; Sir Edward Eveleigh, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 71; His Honour Edgar Fay, former Official Referee, 80; Lord Justice Fox, 67; Mr Brandon Gough, chairman and senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 51; Mr Milner Gray, founder partner, Design Research Unit, 89; Mr John Hardman, chairman ASDA, 49; Professor Sir Richard Harrison, anatomist, 68; Professor Daphne Jackson, physicist, 52; Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, architect, 88; Mr Alasdair Milne, former director-general, BBC, 58; Dr César Milstein, biochemist, 61; Sir Mark Oliphant, former governor, South Australia, 87; Dame Merle Park, director, Royal Ballet School, 51; the Very Rev J.M.K. Paterson, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 66; the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, diplomat, 69; Mr Ray Reardon, snooker player, 56; Lord Romsey, 41; M Albert Roux, chef and restaurateur, 53; Sir Robert Scholey, chairman, British Steel, 67; Sir Reginald Sholl, legal consultant, 86; Mr D.R.W. Silk, warden, Radley College, 57; Mr Godfrey Talbot, broadcaster, 80; Mr Peter Wood, theatre and television director, 60.

TOMORROW: Mr Joe Ashton, MP, 55; Baroness Berkeley, 83; Mr Brian Blessed, actor, 51; Mr Paul Channon, MP, 53; Lord Chelmer, 74; the Right Rev Lord Coggan, former Archbishop of Canterbury, 79; Dr William Cole, organist, 79; Mr Geoff Cook, cricketer, 37; Sir Colin Corness, chairman, Redland, 57; Mr Denzil Davies, MP, 50; Mr S.L. Devlin, gold and silversmith, 57; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 81; Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, provost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 59; Major-General C.E.A. Firth, 86; Sir David Goodall, diplomat, 57; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, 81; Miss Mary Jarred, contralto, 89; Mr H.U.A. Lambert, chairman, Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group, 63; the Duke of Manchester, 50; Sir John Margetson, diplomat, 61; Mr Steve Ovett, athlete, 33; Sir Norman Payne, chairman, BAA, 67; the Earl of Plymouth, 65; Earl St Aldwyn, 76; Sir Michael Shaw, MP, 68; Mr Donald Sinden, actor, 65; Colonel the Earl of Stair, 82.

Dinners

Marshall's Charity
The Archbishop of Canterbury attended the annual dinner of the Marshall's Charity given by the trustees on Thursday at Marshall's House, which has been held since 1631 as decreed by John Marshall.

Engineers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual ladies dinner of the Engineers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Rear-Admiral P.G. Hammersley, Master, presided, assisted by Mr G.A. Lee, Senior Warden. The Lord Mayor and Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse were the other speakers.

Surrey University
Mr Nigel Robson, Treasurer of Surrey University, presided at the annual treasurer's dinner held last night at the university. Sir David Nicolson, vice-chancellor, Dame Rosalinde Hurley, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, and Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, Mr R.H. Bird and Mr K. Takai were among the guests.

Luncheons

Management Consultancies Association
Sir David Hannay, Ambassador and UK Permanent Representative to the European Communities, was the guest of honour at a luncheon yesterday given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Mr Jim Donaldson, chairman of the association, presided.

HM Government
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a farewell luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Ambassador of Israel.

Feltmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Feltmakers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr E.J.P. Elliott; Upper Warden, Mr J.L. Wallworth; Renter Warden, Mr P.S. Winfield; Third Warden, Mr W.P. Wright; Fouth Warden, Mr B.D.S. Burgess.

Memorial services

Sir Hywel Evans
The Prince of Wales was represented by Baroness White at a memorial service for Sir Hywel Evans held yesterday at Conway Road Methodist Church, Cardiff. The Rev David Palmer officiated. Dr Emrys Evans, Chairman of Council, University of Wales at Swansea, read the first lesson and also read from John Bunyan's *Pilgrims Progress* and Mr David Cox, Director of the Prince of Wales's Committee, read the second lesson. Sir Richard Lloyd Jones, Permanent Secretary at the Welsh Office, gave an address. Lord Callaghan of Cardiff and Mr Ian Grist, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Welsh Office, and Mrs Grist were among those present.

Sir Patrick Donner
The Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire was respresented by Major the Hon R.J. Palmer at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Patrick Donner held yesterday in Winchester Cathedral. The Bishop of Basingstoke and Vice-Dean of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rev Derek Cottrill and the Rev Charles Roderick. The Rev Colin Fox and Canon Roger Job, Precentor and Sacrist, read the lessons and the Hon Christopher Monckton gave an address.

Mr William Laurence Grant
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr William Laurence Grant was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Robert Hanna read the lesson, Mr Peter Watkins read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr Michael Watkins from John Bunyan's *Pilgrims Progress*. Major-General Guy Watkins gave an address.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street to celebrate London Fashion Week October 1988 and to mark the presentation of the 1988 British Fashion Council Designer of the Year Award.

Ordnance Board
Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, and Rear-Admiral J.M.T. Hilton, President of the Ordnance Board, received the guests at a reception given by Officers of the Ordnance Board at Lancaster House last night.

Gray's Inn

His Royal Highness The Grand Duke of Luxembourg has been elected an honorary Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: Heinrich Schütz, composer, Köstritz, Germany, 1585; Montagu Corry, 1st Baron Rowton, politician and founder of the Rowton Houses, London 1838; John Cowper Powys, novelist, Shirley, Derbyshire, 1872; Eddie Rickenbacker, American fighter pilot in World War I, Columbus, Ohio, 1890; Juan Peron, president of Argentina 1946-55, 1973-74, Buenos Aires, 1895.

DEATHS: Cola di Rienzi, revolutionary, Rome, 1354; Henry Fielding, novelist, Lisbon, 1754; Sir John Monash, general and engineer, Melbourne, 1931; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, London, 1953; Clement Attlee, 1st Earl Attlee, prime minister 1945-51, London 1967.

TOMORROW

BIRTHS: Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer, Paris, 1835; Emil Fischer, chemist, Nobel laureate 1902, Euskirchen, Germany, 1852; Nikolai Bukharin, revolutionary, Moscow, 1888.

DEATHS: Claude Perrault, architect and physician, Paris, 1688; Joseph Farwell Gliddon, farmer, inventor of barbed wire, De Kalb, Illinois, 1906; Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1939-58, Castel Gandolfo, Italy, 1958; Andre Maurois, novelist and biographer, Paris, 1967; Che Guevara, guerrilla leader, Bolivia, 1967.

Breathalyser tests for motorists came into force, 1967.

Service dinners

Royal Naval Instructor Specialisation
Rear-Admiral C.J. Howard, Chief Naval Instructor Officer, presided at a dinner given by serving and retired officers of the Instructor Specialisation of the Royal Navy last night at HMS Daedalus, Lee-on-the Solent, Hampshire. Air Commodore J.F. Jarvis, Colonel D.C.J. Goodban and Commander D.J.S. Squier were the principal guests.

Royal Navy Medical Club
Admiral Sir Nicholas and Lady Hunt were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Royal Navy Medical Club held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, Medical Director-General (Naval), presided. Among others present were:
Admiral Sir John Woodward, Air Marshal Sir David Perry-Evans, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, Vice-Admiral B T Brown, Air Marshal T H Stoner, the Ven Noel Jones and Mr Ian Todd.

8th Gurkha Rifles
Brigadier John Montagu presided at the annual dinner of the 8th Gurkha Rifles held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Brigadier H.M. Khanna, Colonel Arjun Ray, Colonel Bob Richardson-Aitken, Captain Himraj Gurung, Captain Indraprasard Gurung and Mr Rajvir Kadan were the principal guests.

Honourable Artillery Company
Sir David Napley and Police Commissioner Owen Kelly were the guests and speakers of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club at a dinner held at Armoury House last night. Captain R.C. Henry also spoke.

Headquarters RAF Support Command
Air Vice-Marshal J.D. Spottiswood, Air Officer Training RAF Support Command and Officer of Brampton Park Officers' Mess, held a ladies guest night dinner at Brampton Park last night. Wing Commander V.E.G. Patten presided.

Royal Air Force St Athan
Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter and Air Marshal Sir Eric Dunn were the guests at a dinner held last night to mark the fiftieth anniversary of RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader L.J. Purnell and Air Commodore D.R. French, Station Commander, presided.

Royal Air Force Legal Branch
Major-General M.T. Fugard, Director of Army Legal Services, and Mrs Fugard were among the guests at a dinner held last night at the RAF Club to mark the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force Legal Branch. Air Vice-Marshal G.N. Forman, Director of Legal Services (RAF) and his officers welcomed the guests.

Minerva Society
Group Captain C.G. Terry, Chairman of the Minerva Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at RAF Henlow. Mr A.C.D. Cumming was the guest of honour.

Auxiliary Territorial Service
Miss Patience Thesiger, Chairman of the ATS Dinner Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the Commonwealth Institute to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Fox
and Miss F. Davies
The engagement is announced between Bruce, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.L. Fox, of Elm Grove Road, Exeter, Devon, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.D. Davies, of Bracmede, Coulands, Sidmouth, Devon.

Dr A. Harrison
and Miss A.C. Ironside-Smith
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Professor and Mrs Martin Harrison, of Keele, Staffordshire, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Ironside-Smith, of Tadworth, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Harrison
and Miss M.M.S. Scott
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Dr and Mrs David Harrison, of Exeter, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Scott, of Hawnby, York.

Mr A. Teo
and Miss E.J. Li
The engagement is announced between Allan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H.C. Teo, of Singapore, and Esther Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John P.K. Li, of Hong Kong.

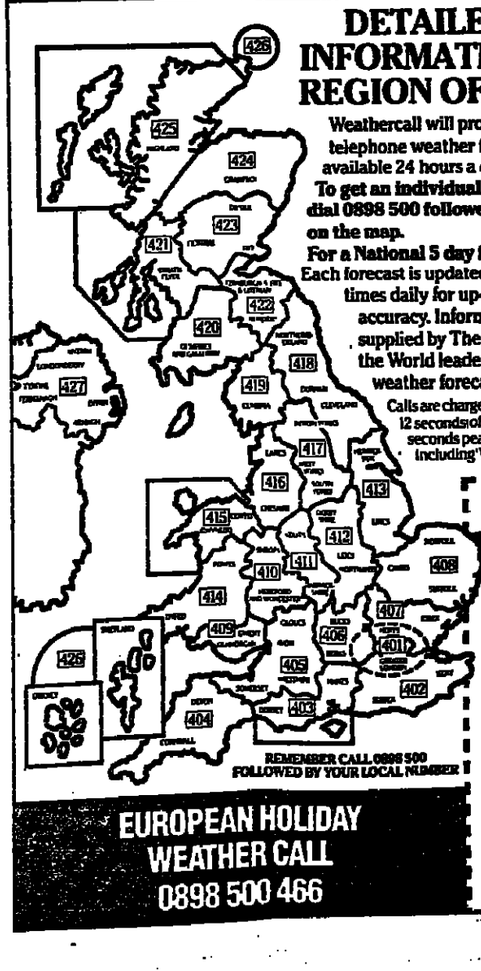
Mr D.B. Thomson
and Miss J.M. Robinson
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Thomson, of Brentwood, Essex, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Robinson, of Shenfield, Essex.

Mr R.D. Tink
and Miss L.E. Crow
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander R.A. Tink, RN, (retd), of Plymouth, and Mrs Pamela Tink, of Plymouth, and Lucy, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.S. Crow, of Netherton, Devon.

Mr N. Watson
and Miss K.T. Williams
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs I.B. Watson, of Worthing, and Katrina, daughter of Major and Mrs T.F. Williams, of Brighton.

Mr M.D. Westcombe
and Miss H. Smith
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Denis and Eileen Westcombe, of Chelsea, London, and Helena, second daughter of the late Roland Smith, CBE, and of Margaret Smith, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr T.H. Wrigley
and Miss A.C.D. Kirby
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Captain and Mrs H.N.J. Wrigley, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, and Amelia, daughter of Mr Ronald Kirby, of Forge Valley, Yorkshire, and Dr Caroline Roche, of Wimbledon, London.



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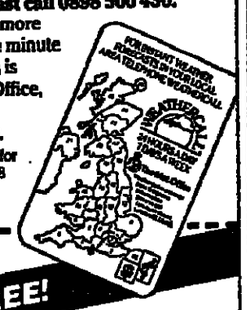
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Clifford Longley

'Outreach' or out of reach?

The churches have lived for more than a generation with the hope that things would get better more or less of their own accord. In spite of the gradual long term decline in church membership in Britain, there has been little sustained effort within the churches to explain or reverse it, or to devise policies accordingly.

Yet any commercial organization finding its sales continually reduced would either prepare itself for ultimate disaster or take steps to improve its product and its marketing. The campaign of press and poster advertising launched last week by the new inter-denominational Christian Enquiry Agency is the beginning of a move in that direction.

Even the Evangelical movement, which is more interested than most in recruitment and conversion, has been open to criticism for competing with non-Evangelicals rather than with genuine "outreach", as they term it, in the community at large. For a substantial proportion of the crowds drawn in by their occasional preaching crusades have on closer inspection been found to be on the fringe of church membership already.

Nevertheless sociological studies of the factors leading to growth or contraction in church membership have supplied some justification for this tactic. This analysis has shown what appear to be four different degrees of relationship with church activity, which could be regarded as concentric circles. The first two consist of an inner core of "activists" and a larger body of "ordinary worshippers", and the fourth consists of those with no personal or family history of church involvement at all, a present and past of non-relationship.

The group in the third circle, the most significant in these terms, consists of those not currently involved with a church but still with an old or distant connection, either personally or through the family. They might crudely be referred to as "lapsed", or as members of lapsed families. A church with growing membership, either nationally or locally, would usually be one where there was movement from that third level into the second; and the declining church would be one with the opposite flow.

In a generation or two the descendants of those in the third level may drift into the fourth outer one, way beyond contact with any church. And that would almost certainly be one-way traffic, unlike the reversible flow between the second and third. The most serious numerical danger to a church in the long term would come from a generation by generation transfer from the third to the fourth level, from being nearly out of reach to being cut off completely. And that has proved a very difficult drift for the churches to try to influence, even just to slow down.

But the third of these concentric circles, sometimes described as a "penumbra", represents a church's vital reservoir of potential members (in the absence of any strategy to reach people in the fourth level); and so it has been towards them that recruitment efforts have in the past been directed. This presupposes the existence of an emotional and spiritual umbilical cord which has not yet been broken, and on which a church can gently pull when the time is right. Among those in the third group denominational loyalties probably still matter, though their image or memory of the church they tend towards will inevitably be out of date and distorted by misconceptions.

There was a time when the Church of England treated the whole population as being at this "penumbra" third-level stage — in effect "lapsed Anglicans" — and only now is it adjusting to its gradual shrinkage over the years. The Roman Catholic Church has often seemed to be exclusively interested in evangelizing its own third level group, the so-called "lapsed Catholics", and neutral to the rest of the community: but according to this analysis it is acting on exactly the same basis as the Church of England, except its third-level group is numerically much smaller.

But of all the churches the Catholic Church has also made some effort towards the fourth level, the totally unchurched, and it is not surprising that the new Christian Enquiry Agency has been greatly assisted by advice from the Catholic Enquiry Centre, which has been fishing in these relatively unpromising waters for a long time. The Centre's advertisements and follow-up material are deliberately not designed to appeal to lapsed Catholics, and such inquirers are gently discouraged.

Even so any programme for the evangelization of this section of the population will require considerable sensitivity. The approach adopted by the new agency which started last week, for instance, recognizes that it is particularly in times of personal crisis that people feel an absence of, and a need for, a sense of meaning and "someone who cares"; and that loneliness, emptiness and mental distress are not just emotional aches but also spiritual ones. In this respect the marketing analysis is a shrewd one, for it identifies a need and offers a "product" to meet it. The question that will soon arise is whether the product offered is actually in stock.

This kind of appeal to those previously beyond the churches' outer reach is evidently religious at the deepest meaning of the word. But the reception given to that fourth-level group, and the pastoral care provided, would have to be subtly different from that usually available to "new" church members of the more familiar sort, those moving from the third level to the second level. Their kind of entry into church membership and activity often occurs not at a time of spiritual crisis but with the arrival of a sense of stability and well-being, for instance after a happy marriage and the birth of children. Those are very different needs.



Mr Alexander Goudie, the Scottish artist, with his portrait of Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor. The portrait, which shows Lord Mackay in his official robes, was presented to him yesterday by the Faculty of Advocates at a ceremony in Edinburgh. The formal presentation was made by Mr David Hope, QC, Dean of the Faculty.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR SHMUEL ETTINGER

Exploring the causes of anti-semitism

Professor Shmuel Ettinger, Professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and president of the Israel Historical Society died in London on September 22. He was 69.

Ettinger's research on the history of modern anti-semitism, especially from the 18th to the 20th century, established him as a scholar of international repute.

He was born in Kiev in 1919 into a pietistic Hasidic family. His parents moved to Leningrad when he was a child and they emigrated to Palestine in 1936. At Jerusalem's Hebrew University he studied history and philosophy and was appointed to the academic staff in 1956.

From 1940 to 1947 Ettinger was a prominent member of the Palestine Communist Party and was a leader of its splinter group, the Union of Hebrew Communists which championed the rights of the Jews for a separate state in Palestine.

In 1946 he was sent by his group to Eastern Europe and he spent eight months making contact with leaders of the communist parties. He returned totally disillusioned with the whole communist system, but it served him well as he became an authority on the Soviet Union and participated in a number of conferences devoted to helping Soviet Jews.

At the Hebrew University he devoted himself to the study of modern anti-semitism in Europe from the second half of the 16th century onwards, culminating in the Holocaust.

He analysed the contribution of Jews to the European economy starting from the Mercantilist period to the development of capitalism and the presentation of the Jew in a stereotyped image. For the Christians the Jew rejected Jesus as divine and was hence condemned to eternal punishment. For radicals who opposed capitalism and wanted to change society the Jew remained basically a parasite and an exploiter. And for the defenders of capitalism and the status quo the Jew became the symbol of subversiveness undermining the foundations of society.

Ettinger's history of Jews in modern times — from the second half of the 17th century to the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 — is a basic textbook for all universities in Israel. It has been translated into English, German, Russian and Japanese.

Among colleagues and students Ettinger was held in high esteem for the encyclopaedic range of his knowledge and for his kindness and thoughtfulness as mentor and friend. On his retirement in August 1987 his colleagues and former students published a two volume *Festschrift* containing 54 major studies by leading Israeli and American scholars on aspects of modern Jewish history.

In 1970 he was visiting professor at Oxford and was to have been visiting professor at University College London from January to June 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Rina, a Professor of Cancer Research in Jerusalem, and by two daughters and a son.

NANCY HALE

Nancy Hale, who has died in Boston, at the age of 80, was an American writer who brought a considered craft and a sharp eye to a series of novels and short stories which ranged over society life in New England, New York, and Virginia.

She came of a family whose traditions were intimately bound up with newspapers, typography, printer's ink and a concern for words. Her grandfather was that patriarchal New England figure, Edward Everett Hale, whose influence over his family was so persuasive that his children are said to have asked for printing presses for birthday presents, as soon as they could read and write.

His granddaughter inherited the family passion, and from Boston, where she was born on May 6, 1908, she made her way to New York, where she worked first on *Vogue* and then *Vanity Fair* before joining the *The New York Times* as a reporter in 1935.

She only stayed a year. She had already begun to publish fiction, opening her account with a novel, *The Young Die Good*, in 1932. But it was in the short story that she was really to find her *métier*, and the collection *The Earliest Dreams* (1936) showed those qualities which she was to develop and refine as the years went by.

Nancy Hale was a miniaturist whose imagination was at its best when playing on everyday problems and minor tragedies. The tales which make up *The Earliest Dreams* are at their most characteristic in the title story of the volume, the unstructured ruminations of a child lying in bed and listening to the merry-making of adults below. With its largely melancholy preoccupations, the volume did not make cheerful reading, but the dry economy with which Miss Hale explored her themes established her with reviewers and public as a new talent.

In 1942 she married Fredson Bowers, and moved with him to Virginia where he had a university teaching post. This added a new element to her writing, the clash between the culture of her native North East and that of Dixie. She explored this in a novel *The Sign of Jonah* (1952) in which a New York girl pays a visit to relations in a remote part of one of the Southern states.

On the whole Miss Hale was not as successful on the larger canvas of the novel as she was in the short story. The carefully polished prose, so effective at setting scenes such as New York literary parties, tended to drown in overluxuriance when asked to explore powerful conflicts and deep emotions.

Besides her dozen or so novels and volumes of stories she wrote an autobiographical sketch *A New England Girlhood* (1958) which strongly evoked the sedate society of the Boston of seventy years ago.

Nancy Hale's one published venture into literary criticism, *The Realities of Fiction* (1962), a collection of lectures delivered at various summer schools, met with a mixed reaction. But if her bright loquacity and disarming frankness attracted the wrath of the severer sort of critic it was conceded that, as a practical guide for writers, the book was a mine of common sense.

Caroline Walker, who has died from cancer at the age of 38, was a nutrition scientist and an outspoken and challenging campaigner, writer and lecturer on food and nutritional matters.

She was a researcher at the Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre in Cambridge and became secretary of the scientific subcommittee of the National Advisory Committee on Nutrition Education which, in 1981, in a report on food and its relationship to illness and health advised the Government to find steps to reduce fat and sugar in the national diet.

The NACNE report's contents, which had not then been published, were leaked to the press, and Walker and a journalist, Geoffrey Cannon, whom she later married, produced in 1984 what became a best-selling book, *The Food Scandal*. It explained the implications of the report in simple language.

The affair had the effect of alerting a wider public awareness to the issue of food and health.

She is survived by her husband.

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And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!
St Luke 18:24

BIRTHS

ASHWORTH - On September 29th 1988, in Lincoln, to *Anita*, (née Anastasi), wife of Mr J.W.W. Ashworth, a son.

BUCKNALL - On October 3rd 1988 in Glasgow, to Christine and Simon, a son (Thomas Henry), a brother for Elizabeth and Sarah.

CHANDLER - On October 6th at 5.29am, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Teresa (née Slinger) and Brian, a son Gyles Ashley Charles James.

DENIEL - On October 5th, to Lucia (née Stevens) and Philip, a son, Henry, a brother for Charlotte.

FOWLER - On October 5th, to Penny (née Calvert-Jones) and Grant, a daughter, Stephanie Janet.

GARDINER - On October 5th 1988, to Ann (née Jacobs) and Robin, a son Oliver Francis.

GLAISTER - On October 6th 1988, to Vereia (née O'Flaherty) and Edmund, a daughter Emma Louise.

GOODWIN - On October 5th, to Joanna, wife of John, a son.

HARRIS - On September 30th, to Penny (née Dalton) and David, a daughter, Sophie Olivia.

HUGHES - On October 4th, at St Richards, Chichester, to Claudia (née Ackney) and Iain, a son, Edward Hamilton-Douglas, a brother for Emma. Always remembering Angus.

LION - On September 23rd, to Laura (née Jenkinson) and Paul, a son, Benjamin Louis.

MITCHELL - On October 6th, at St Lukes, Guildford, to Coralin (née Palomares) and Anthony, a son, Oliver Sebastian Vernon, a brother to Francesca.

ORR - On September 26th to Sarah (née Carlisle) and Peter, a son Thomas George, a brother for William.

PRATT - On October 6th, in Hong Kong, to Lindi Pratt (née Yen) and Chris, a girl, Cara-Louise.

THORNTON - On October 5th, to James (née Stuchbery) and Keith, a daughter, Charlotte Sophie, a sister for Victoria and Georgina.

YOUNGER - On October 6th, to Sophie (née Expel) and Hugh, a son, Joshua Hugh Gaskell.

MARRIAGES

HAWLEY:PICKLES - On September 21st 1988, at the British Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Brian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs. C.J. Hawley of Northumberland and Sandra, younger daughter of the late Mrs and Mr. W.J. Pickles of London.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On Sunday October 2nd, peacefully at Watford General Hospital, James F.R.P.S. of Bushey Mill Lane, Watford. Sadly missed by Edith and Frank, relatives and friends. Funeral service to be held at St Peters Church, Bushey Mill Lane Watford, on Wednesday October 12th at 11.45 am.

ALLEN - On October 7th, 1988 peacefully at Nettlestead, Sundridge Avenue, Bromley, Kent, Florence (née Lawson), Widow of Robert Allen. Funeral Service at Bromley Central Methodist Church, at 12 noon on Wednesday October 12th and after at Beckenham Crematorium. Flowers please to Francis Chappell & Sons, 468 Bromley Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent.

BELCOURT - On October 5th, Louis Jenkins, dearly loved father of Nicholas, and Poppa to Louis and Dominique. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday October 12th, at 4pm. Flowers to be sent to C Dale & Sons, 401 Fulham Road, London SW6 or donations to the British Heart Foundation.

CLARK - On October 3rd, 1988, peacefully at home, David de Bransey, husband of the late Poppy, father of Giles, and grandfather. Funeral at Colchester Crematorium on Tuesday, October 11th at 3pm. Flowers to K.G. Thomas & Son, Kelvedon.

CROFT - On October 6th 1988, peacefully, Iris Marian, widow of John, beloved mother of Roger, and mother-in-law to Lee. The funeral service will take place at Shalford Church on Thursday, 13th October at 1.30 p.m. followed by private cremation. All flowers and enquiries to Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford. Tel 0483 67394.

DUCKWORTH - On October 5th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Alexander D'Oliver aged 59 years. Beloved husband of Judith and father of Simon and Annie. Funeral at St. Mary's Parish Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon SW19, on Thursday October 13th at 11.am followed by *Private Cremation at Putney Vale.* No flowers please but donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BD.

DEVONSHIRE - On October 4th, Albert Edward, of Holt, Norfolk. Loved husband of *Muriel*, father of Richard and Paul, grandfather of Julia, Rachel, Fatin, Mark and Jenny. Formerly Vicar of Royston. At his request cremation strictly private.

FAIRBURN - On October 3rd, 1988, suddenly but peacefully, aged 61, *Dr. Anthony Clare FRCP FRCPsych*, beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Clare, Hugh, Kevin, Anna and Tim, and a dear Grandpa. Funeral service at the church of St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop, Bristol at 1.15pm Monday, October 10th 1988, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Memorial service at St. Martins Hospital Chapel, Bath, November 22nd, 12 midday. Donations if wished to British Heart Foundation or Bristol Radiotherapy Centre. Enquiries to Sumner and Hill, Bristol 823188.

FARRELL - On October 2nd, Molly, dearest wife of the late Pat Farrell, beloved mother and grandmother, of the family in Ashmansthead. Private cremation. Thanksgiving service later.

FORD - On October 6th, peacefully at Kettering Hospital, Elizabeth Mary (Beth) Ford of Oundle, beloved wife of Dennis and devoted grandma of Christopher and Jenny. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Oundle on Wednesday 12th October at 2pm followed by cremation. *Family flowers only.*

FORSTER - On October 2nd, 1988, at Montpellier, Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Seymour Forster M.C.

GALLOP - On October 4th, at the Middlesex Hospital, Lilian Gallop. Funeral will take place on Friday, October 14th at 3.30pm, at Hendon Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations to: Middlesex Hospital and Medical School, Charitable Trust Appeal Office, Astor College, 99 Charlotte Street, London, W1P 1LD.

GARLING - On October 5th 1988, after a short illness, Elizabeth Wedgwood (Liz), aged 61. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa, on Thursday October 13th at 2pm. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Rural Crafts Youth Training Unit, N.A.C., Stoneleigh, Coventry.

KENT - On October 4th, suddenly in hospital, Dorothy Miriam (née Thom), aged 68 years, formerly Under Secretary Department of Employment, loving wife of Eric, mother of Graham, Philippa and Judith, grandmother of Nicholas and sister of Robert. Funeral service at 2pm on Tuesday October 11th at Saint Mary's Parish Church, Putney Bridge, SW15, followed by committal at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.45pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Means and Cotterill, 151 Merton Road, SW18 5EQ. Telephone 01 874 7698.

KIRKWOOD - On October 3rd, suddenly in Dartmouth, Guy, beloved son of Janet and the late 'Kirky', brother of John, of Longney, Gloucester, aged 38 years. Funeral arrangements later. Enquiries to H.E. Beard Ltd, Funeral Directors, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. (Tel 0453 822306).

KITSON - On October 7th 1988, Colonel John Duncan Kitson, late the Devonshire Regiment, loving and dearly loved husband of Diana. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Devonshire and Dorset Old Comrades Association, Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, EX2 6AE.

LONGSDONE - On October 5th 1988, peacefully at Pendean Convalescent Home, Midhurst, Marjory Isabel Longmore (née Caldecott) aged 96, the widow of Philip Elton Longmore, C.B.E., formerly of Hartford and Chichester, Sussex. Funeral 12.30pm Tuesday October 11th at St George's Church, Whyke, Chichester. No flowers please but donations if desired to the R.S.P.C.A.

LOUSADA - On October 5th, Charles Rochford, Air Commodore R.A.F. retired, peacefully in Royal Airforce Hospital, Halton, after a short illness. Husband of Betty and father of Anthony, Peter, Charles, Patrick and Michael. No flowers please. Donations to The Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund. Private funeral - memorial service at a later date.

MacKINNON - On September 28th, suddenly at home, Iain in his 68th year, of Kew Surrey. Husband of Nancy and father of Catriona and Mairyn. Cremation at Mortlake on Monday October 10th, at 11 am.

MARRIMAN - On October 1st, suddenly in Spain, Patrick A., husband of the late Carmel (née Grace) of Belfast, London and Dublin. Deeply regretted by his loving family and friends. Funeral arrangements later.

McDONALD - On Wednesday October 5th 1988, at 11.25 p.m. at St. Bartholomews Hospital, Steven Daniel, aged 34, after one year of suffering, bravely borne. Beloved husband of Diane and loved by cherished son Piers. Only loving son of Dan and Doris, and brother of Janet, and adored by all. Funeral service to be held Monday October 10th at 3.30 pm. at St. Mary's Chigwell, followed by interment. No flowers please. All donations to Leukaemia Research. *I love you forever, Diane.*

MACLEAN - On Friday October 7th 1988, peacefully at Crieff Cottage Hospital, after a trying illness, patiently borne, Donald MacLean B.Sc. N.D.A., (N.D.D., (Potato enthusiast) Dornock Farm, Crieff. Dearly loved husband of Margaret, and father of Donald and Ewan. Funeral service to which all friends are invited will be held in St. Michael's Church, Crieff on Wednesday October 12th at 1.30pm., and thereafter at Crieff Cemetery at 2.00pm.

MARRIMAN - On October 1st, 1988, suddenly in Spain, Patrick A. (late of Belfast, Dublin & London). Deeply regretted by his loving family and friends. Rest in Peace. Removal on this Saturday evening to The Church of The Guardian Angels, New Town Park Avenue, arriving at 8pm approx. Funeral on Monday after 11.00 am Mass, to Deans Grange Cemetery.

SIMS - On October 6th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Ronald Francis Sims, dearly loved husband of Vera, much loved father of Peter, David and Colin, a dear grandfather of Gary, Andrew, *Philip* and Richard. Fondly remembered by his family, many friends and Masonic Brethren. Service at Randall's Park Crematorium, Randall's Rd, Leatherhead, Surrey on Wednesday October 12th at 11.30 am. No flowers please, donations to E.D.H. Coronary Care Unit, c/o Miss Vila, Epsom District Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

TWISS - On September 29th, 1988 very peacefully at home, Violet M. Blaize. Very dear aunt and friend, and much loved headmistress. Private funeral, at her own request has already taken place. "It is enough that in their own individual ways they remember..."

WILSON - *On September 26th, 1988* suddenly at Inverness, David Carment Reid Wilson, Solicitor, beloved husband of Alison Drummond, 2 *Mayfield Road, Inverness. Interred in Inverness on September 29th, 1988.*

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COCKAYNE - A service to celebrate the life of Dame Elizabeth Cockayne, will be held on Monday October 31st in the chapel, The Royal Free Hospital, Pond St., NW3 at 1pm. Anyone wishing to attend please telephone: 794 0500 ext:3445 or write to, Nursing Administration, *The Royal Free Hospital.*

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LANCELYN GREEN - Roger, Author, on October 8th 1987, dearly loved husband, father, friend.

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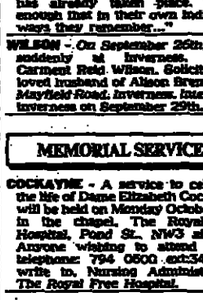
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 29th July 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the sum standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company to a sum of Nil. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 17th day of October 1988.
Any Creditor or shareholder of the said Company wishing to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Premium Account should at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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D M Ghosh - Joint Liquidator
5 October 1988

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HUTCHINGS Emily Frances of 81 Mednorne Avenue, Palmers Green, London, N13 died on 17th April, 1986. Particulars to Maples Teesdale Solicitors of 21 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3EQ, before 9th December 1988.

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SCIENCE REPORT

How the whelks stalled an invasion of lobsters

A sea-floor battle between lobsters and whelks does not seem *like a fair fight*, and in the seas around Malgas Island, off the west coast of South Africa, lobsters are indeed kings of their domain, and *feed off struggling* populations of whelks and mussels.

But only four kilometres away, at Marcus Island, whelks dominate the seas, *mussels* abound on the seabed, and not a lobster is to be seen.

In this week's issue of *Science*, Amos Barkai and *Christopher* McQuaid of the University of Cape Town explain how this proletarian uprising is maintained.

The heavily armoured and strong-armed lobsters have few natural predators. At Malgas Island, they consume whelks by chipping away the shells with their powerful mouths.

Provided there are not too many lobsters, some of the mussels and thicker shelled whelks will survive, and a stable population of lobsters co-exists in balance with the creatures they prey on.

But if lobsters are the only predators, how are they excluded from Marcus Island? And even if some chance external influence (a disease perhaps) had eliminated lobsters recently, why are they not able to make a come-back?


Paul Bryant

Barkai and McQuaid first established that there was no unseen reason why lobsters could not survive at Marcus.

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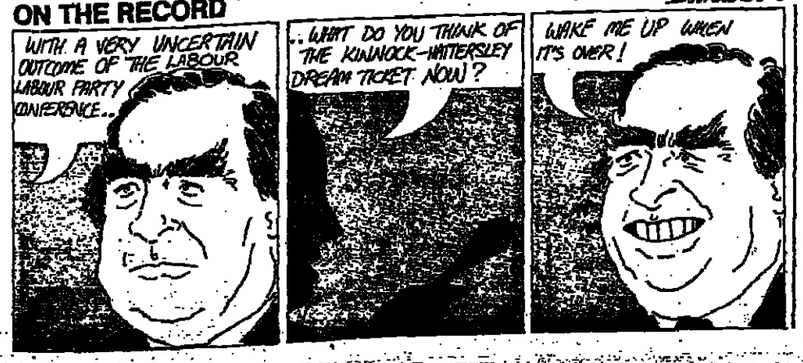
Whelks eat by attaching themselves to their food, spreading their external stomach over it, and slowly digesting it. This is a strategy which normally restricts the whelk to a diet of slow-moving, unferocious creatures.

But the whelks of Marcus Island are able to hold their own against the normally predatory lobsters literally by weight of numbers.

Barkai and McQuaid do not know why the lobsters originally disappeared from Marcus Island. Whereas the normal arrangement, with lobsters eating whelks, allows both parties to survive in some proportion, the dominance of whelks at Marcus Island can persist only as long as lobsters are ruthlessly excluded. Like others before them, political theorists among the whelks will have realised that only eternal vigilance can preserve the revolution.

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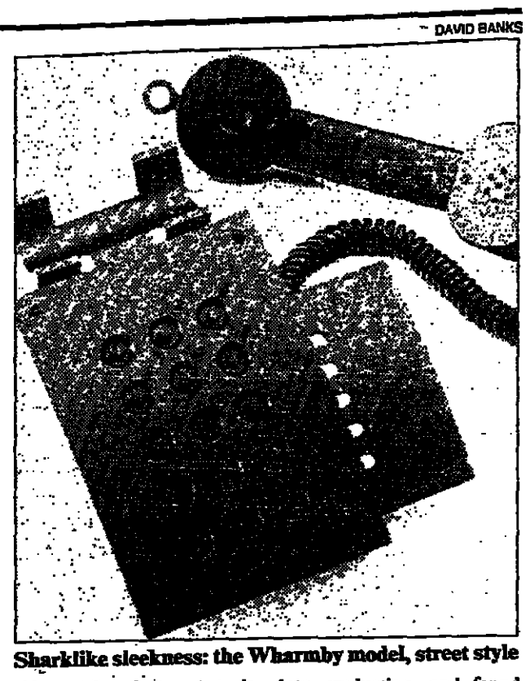
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The call of the future

Deyan Sudjic picks up some new telephones and finds that there is a designer on the line



Sharklike sleekness: the Wharmby model, street style

When Mercury launched its allegedly neo-classical telephone box this summer, it managed the seemingly impossible task of demonstrating that it *is* possible to do things even worse than British Telecom.

But as far as telephones themselves are concerned, BT is still in a class of its own. The corporation that once offered the Bakelite handset, a dignified classic that celebrated, rather than trivialized, the act of communication, has descended to peddling telephones that range from crude to clumsy.

The telephone has metamorphosed from a species of scientific instrument, with styling to match, into a consumer product, just like a radioor a desk light. BT are aware of the change but have floundered. How a phone looks, and above all how it feels to touch and handle, are the key issues now.

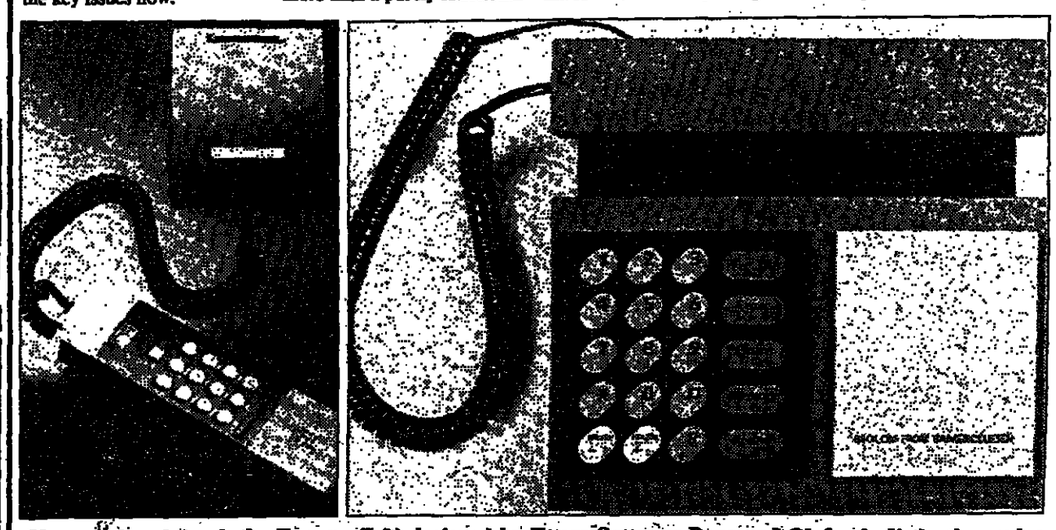
The change in the way the telephone is perceived has unleashed a tidal wave of kitsch, along with a handful of more interesting designs, but so far nothing to match the timeless qualities of the old handsets. To date, the best of the new telephones have come from abroad. Bang and Olufsen, the Danish television and audio manufacturer, offers one of the most stylish of the new breed, with the acoustic performance you would expect, combined with a distinctive wedge-shaped profile. At present this is only available in Denmark but there are plans to bring it to this country.

Ettore Sottsass, the acclaimed Italian designer, is responsible for the sculptural Enorme telephone. Made in chunks of plastic, in vivid primary colours, it demonstrates that the handset can retain its dignity while being more than a purely functional object. The instrument is available form Fast Forward, 14 Newburgh Street, London W1.

Encouragingly, one of the more interesting recent developments is a British design. Industrial designer Martin Wharmby, stung by the mediocrity of the telephones currently available, set Andy Davey, one of his assistants, the task of coming up with a worthy successor to the Bakelite classic. With a prototype model he set about interesting manufacturers in putting it into production, and found ready takers.

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Sharp and sculptural: the Enorme (left) designed by Ettore Sottsass; Bang and Olufsen's distinctive wedge

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Left to right: pink and yellow silk cloqué suit, £745, Bruce Oldfield, 27 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Earrings, £39, Monty Don. Satin shoes, £79.95, Rayne. Pink satin and black velvet strapless dress in satin and black velvet, £1,218, Bellville Sassoon, 73 Pavilion Road, SW1. Earrings, £42, Butler & Wilson. Black and white satin bustled skirt, black grosgrain bustier, to order, Anouska Hempel, 2 Pond Place, SW3. Suede gloves, £65.95, Dents. Red and pink satin jacket, £750; skirt, £310; Catherine Walker for Chelsea Design, 65 Sydney Street, SW3. Earrings, £75, Ken Lane. Fur-collared dress in blue and bronze brocade, £995, Antony Price, 34 Brook Street, W1; A la Mode, 36 Hans Crescent SW1. Black suede shoes, £36.99, Ravel. In foreground, scarlet sequinned ribbon lace and chiffon dress, £811, Bellville Sassoon & Lorcan Mullany, 73 Pavilion Road, SW3. Shoes, £200, Anouska Hempel, 2 Pond Place, SW3. Hair by Michaeljohn. Make-up by Maggie Hunt.

Shimmering silk and tulle and the sculpted swoop of a satin ballgown are the traditional curtain-raisers to British style. With a tweed hacking jacket and cashmere twinset, such opulent grandeur, worn ideally as the foil for a sparkling tiara and the family diamonds, remains our most obvious indigenous style, as much in demand at a charity benefit in Palm Beach or Fort Worth as it is at a ball in the Borders.

This weekend we shall see all the hoopla of another London Fashion Week — given the stamp of authority this time by the Prime Minister, who planned a Downing Street reception for last night, to welcome foreign buyers. It is comforting to know that the world still clamours for the London look.

In spite of the slump in consumer spending both sides of the Atlantic, exports of our glossiest products are expected to rise this year from the record 1987/88 figure of £1.7 billion a year.

In the United States, British fashion's fourth largest market, fashion retailers have just suffered a slack season, but exports of British clothing rose by 8 per cent to £25 million in the first quarter this year. In the EEC, our clothing exports are up 60 per cent to Italy and Spain, 40 per cent to the Netherlands and 30 per cent to West Germany, the fastest-growing market. As 1992 gets nearer, British designers, quite right, are concentrating their assault on the normally chauvinistic fashion markets of Europe.

London Fashion Week is the essential frothy front to a booming £4.5 billion industry.

'Europe's contemporary trends are set not in Milan or Paris but in the hip bars and clubs of London'

It is masterminded by the British Fashion Council, under the jovial chairmanship of Sir Edward Rayne, and funded by a £100,000 "pump-priming" grant from the Government as well as by seasonally-adjusted sponsorship from major companies in the fashion industry.

That sponsorship is much needed, notably for the special tent pitched in Olympia, west London, which holds more than 800 of the world's buyers and Press. This season the BFC has acquired the solid foundation of sponsorship from Storehouse, Harrods, Dunhill, Burton, Coats Viyella, Marks & Spencer and Selfridges, as well as Condé Nast and the National Magazine Company, publishers of the fashion glossies.

London Fashion "Week" is in reality a hectic four-day schedule of 20 designer shows, slotted into a hard-sell exhibition at Olympia. It traditionally falls in the middle of the consecutive Milan and Paris weeks. This year, however, Paris unilaterally decided to postpone its shows by a week. The time lag may have tempted American buyers to cut their losses, and London, and go home.

This will not be allowed to happen again. The BFC took the initiative this autumn and called a summit in London of representatives of the French, Italian and British fashion syndicates. "Discussions were friendly," Sir Edward says, "and dates for the 1989 seasons of shows are already satisfactorily fixed."

Meanwhile in Olympia, 300 fashion firms are chasing orders from a stream of 8,000 international buyers. The firms range from the glossiest 30 top designer names which make up the London Designer Collections, to mass-market T-shirt manufacturers.

In between is a smattering of unscheduled "off-Broadway" events that no self-respecting professional would miss: the exclusive little presentation by Anouska Hempel of her couture collection to buyers, squeezed inside her tiny navy silk-lined shop in Chelsea; and the clique of designers who call themselves the British Couture Collections (and who include our most internationally celebrated couturier, Hardy Amies, and the Duchess of York's favourite, Lindka Cierach), showing in the Ritz hotel.

Yet somewhere between this opulent world of grand taffeta evening dresses by Belfville Sassoon or Murray Arbeid and the stacks of luxury cashmere and Shetland shipped overseas by Pringle or Jaeger, there exists another uniquely British style, predominantly young, its mood offbeat. For the next spring season, for example, the look is drawn from our dashing colonial heritage: bush shirts and safari jackets, mixed with wrapped sari skirts, dresses and floppy wide-legged pants. And the ease with which it hangs together evolves from the confidence that in matters of style, London is the trend-setting capital of the world.

The Milanese may do it with more bravura, and the Parisians may polish the whole idea and package it with more chic, but contemporary trends are set in the hip bars and clubs of London. The BBC's *Rough Guide* series about European youth culture made that discovery; and British designers like John Galliano or Vivienne Westwood have observed it at their cost, as their innovations echo back from Continental sketchpads.

Before their notions reach an adoring public, however, our talented designers must first contend with an elaborate manufacturing industry whose methods have not benefited from the sloppy standards tolerated in the past.

First, it was a puritanical streak in the British character, manifested in a reluctance to spend good money on clothes, that resulted in our reputation for sartorial eccentricity.

The sort of cheap clothes mass-produced for decades in this country may have been rejected by people of taste. But in their search for "quality" they appeared to revel in threadbare tweeds from the attic, or danced in their mother's ballgowns. Or they were driven to improvise outfits from chain-store skirts, paired perhaps with a jacket from some ethnic market.

Second, British fashion has for too long been afflicted by the Swinging Sixties syndrome. Deluded sufferers imagine that with one larky fashion idea run up out of a pair of curtains on a sewing machine in a garage they can call themselves designers and set up in business.

Right through the Seventies, Britain fashion had the reputation for innovative ideas, badly executed, and delivered late, if at all.

No more. In the Eighties, Britain has produced a clutch of designers who have taken control of their own destinies. If polished manufacturing skills are not available in this country (and increasingly they complain that the best factories are only interested in the huge orders placed by the store chains), more and more of our designers are seeking them abroad. Jasper Conran, Rifat Ozbek, Betty Jackson and Katharine Hamnett all use Italian factories. The Workers For Freedom collection, designed by Richard Nott and Graham Fraser, is produced in Japan.

Jean Muir, now part of Coats Viyella, opens a shop on Madison Avenue this year. Murray Arbeid (who now also designs the Hartnell collection as well as his own-label line) travels across the United States with his "trunk show" of grand evening dresses, top sellers at around £1,000 a number. Zandra Rhodes has a unique place in British fashion, but her idiosyncratic works of art in chiffon and satin, lavishly beaded and embroidered, have also brought her wide international celebrity.

British designers are also growing more commercially aware in their own country. Arabella Pollen, for long a favourite designer of the Princess of Wales, designs a special range for Windsmoor, the British mass-market label. Jaeger have signed up Alistair Black. Caroline Charles has a growing list of licences, from bedlinen in this country to wedding dresses for the Japanese. Even Vivienne Westwood shows signs of commercial awareness and is opening a shop in the West End to sell her more classic styles.

British design stars today are purists in their work, revelling in their national heritage, polishing their craft, worthy contenders in the international fashion fray. Their finest hour, perhaps, was in 1981, when they acquired their prettiest and most visible model, the Princess of Wales. And their finest moment of the season comes next month, on November 7, when the Princess joins her husband on an official visit to France.

Photograph by Snowdon

London fashion: who does what

Who actually runs the show, hosts the party, balances the books and woos the buyers? Here are just some of the stars of British fashion who have done as much to put London on the international fashion map as any award-winning designer.

The British Fashion Council, under the chairmanship of **Sir Edward Rayne**, has marshalled London's notoriously independent-minded designers into a united team, harnessed their creative energy to the financial support supplied by the industry's largest clothing manufacturers and retail groups, and provided back-up services to those designers who need them.

The campaign strategy was originally devised by a self-appointed fashion Think Tank back in 1985. **Beatrix Miller**, then editor-in-chief of *Vogue*, enrolled the help of **Lady Henderson**, wife of Sir Nicholas Henderson and a stylish ambassadress for British fashion in our embassies in Bonn, Paris and Washington. **Jean Muir**, London's design guru, and Sir Edward made up the team with **Sir Terence Conran**.

These are the people who persuaded the Government to give the fashion industry an incomparable shot in the arm by hosting a succession of sparkling receptions for foreign press and buyers, and who secured the support of the **Princess of Wales**. Not only is the Princess British fashion's most glamorous model, carrying off to perfection the creations of such disparate designers as **Rifat Ozbek, Arabella Pollen, Edelstein** and **Arbeid**, but she has visited the exhibition at Olympia in past seasons; she has presented industry awards at a gala dinner; and she has even hosted a reception in honour of the designers at Kensington Palace in March.

The British Designer Show, now on at Olympia, is run by **Joanne Davis**. With **Annette Worsley Taylor**, who established back in 1975 an upmarket group of 30 designers known as the London Designer Collections, Davis ensures that London remains a stopping-off point for fashion buyers. The pair of them are known as the godmothers of London fashion.

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Army siege and curfew bring calm to Algeria

Algiers (AFP) – The Algerian military command yesterday acknowledged that there had been loss of life among both demonstrators and security forces on Thursday and overnight, the Algerian news agency reported.

In a communiqué, the military command, responsible for the capital's administration under the state of siege, renewed its call for calm and its appeal to the population to stay off the streets after two days of rioting.

Meanwhile, police and soldiers were stationed along the main roads here yesterday as householders ventured out after a first night of curfew to form long queues at those few bakeries which had managed to obtain flour.

Most other food shops remained closed, usually because of a lack of supplies, but also for fear of having win

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dows smashed in any renewed rioting.

Late on Thursday, President Chadli Bendjedid imposed a state of siege, putting all civilian, administrative and security authorities under direct military command.

The riots, in which gangs of youths sacked buildings and set vehicles afire, erupted after days of strikes over low wages, high prices and shortages of food.

The military command imposed a midnight to 6 am curfew and warned that security forces would open fire to protect public property and restore order.

A woman doctor said that two relatives of hers, Riadh Bouzidi, aged 14, and his brother Nadim, aged 23, were killed by a tank driver who panicked and opened fire on demonstrators in the El Biar area when he ran out of fuel.

Dr Nabila Bouzidi said she saw other bodies in the Birtraria hospital, but the hospital has not confirmed this.

The streets were yesterday still littered in debris from the sacking and looting, although most of the wrecked cars blocking the roads were removed on Thursday night.

The strict curfew forbade any movement on the streets without safe conduct but local residents in several places came out to help the hard-pressed fire service deal with its third consecutive night of arson.

And in the Bab el-Oued district, where armoured cars have been deployed, residents prevented a gang of demonstrators from breaking into a cigarette factory.

There was no local press comment or news, because newspapers do not publish here on Friday, the day of prayer and rest. The radio broadcast instructions from the military command on how to abide by the requirements of the state of siege.

As a helicopter circled regularly over the city, the main areas of the teenage gang rampage were quiet and mosques were preparing for prayers.

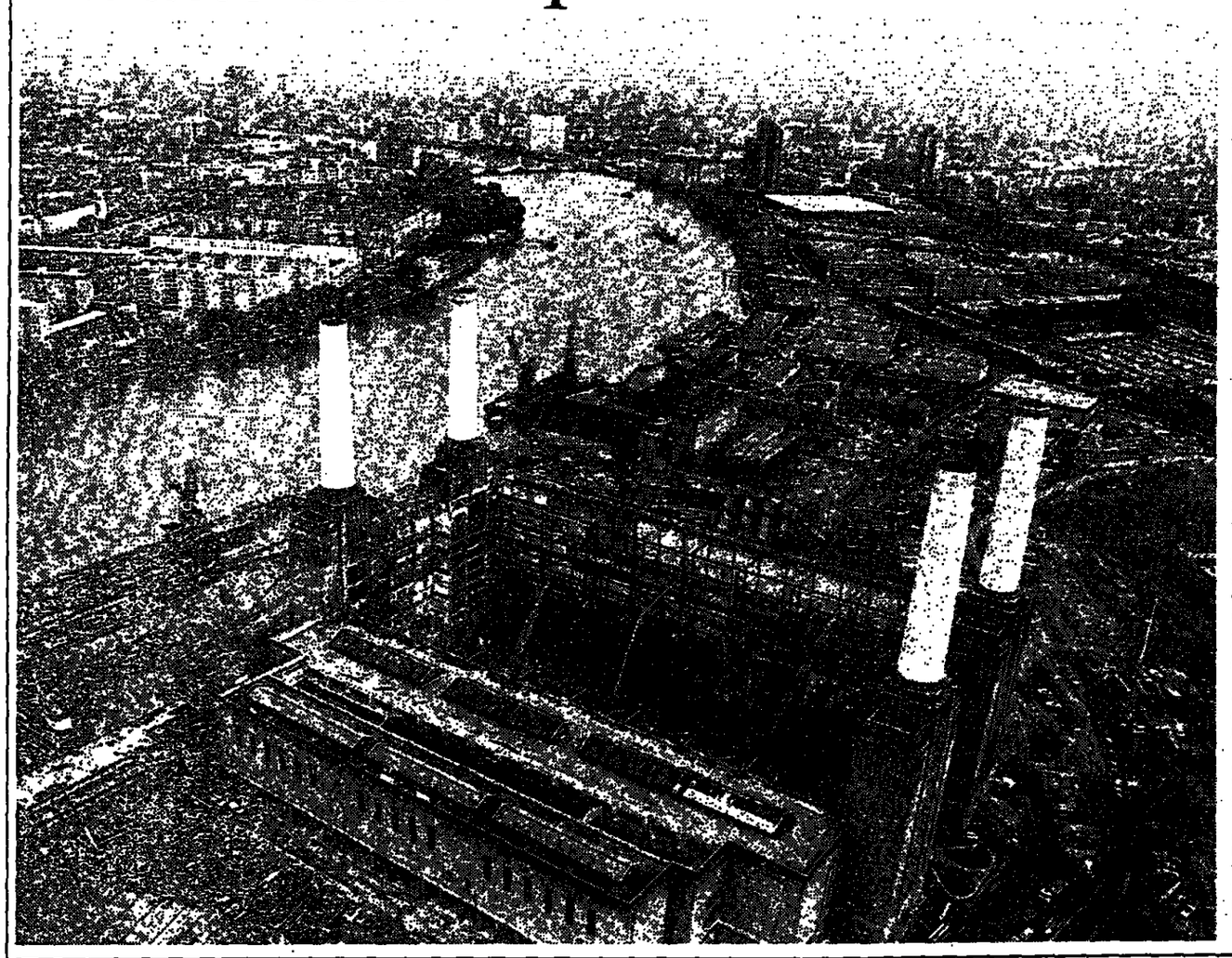
But there was still perceptible tension around the mosque at Belfort. It is near El Harrach, where rioters burned down the supermarket on Thursday after sacking and looting it the previous day. But the weekly market opened as usual, guarded by a large contingent of helmeted riot police, their shields and truncheons at the ready.

The Army was barring entry to the EL Biar district, where the Bouzidi brothers were reportedly killed. But it seemed calm in the adjoining Ben Aknoun and there were no police reinforcements.

In the city centre, seven tanks and some armoured cars ringed the headquarters of the ruling National Liberation Front, which strongly condemned the rioting at a special Politburo session on Wednesday and promised tough action against those responsible.

The national carrier, Air-Algérie, has cancelled all flights, but other companies are maintaining services to and from the heavily guarded airport.

Battersea strips down for its new role



Battersea Power Station (left) is just a shell of its former self. The area between the four chimneys of the 55-year-old south London landmark, once occupied by two great boiler houses, has been cleared in readiness for the building's conversion to a £200 million leisure and entertainment centre.

The complex, to be called "The Battersea", is scheduled to open in May 1990.

The power station, once Europe's largest, began supplying electricity to the capital in 1933. It is believed to be the biggest brick building in the world, eight million bricks having been used in its construction.

When it is completed, "The Battersea" will keep the cavernous boiler house as a single entity. A flight of galleries will be set round its walls and an ice rink will occupy part of the vast floor space.

Five years ago the Department of the Environment and the Central Electricity Generating Board ran a competition to find the best future use for the redundant power station, which had been listed as architecturally important.

The winning proposal came from Mr John Broome, chief executive of Alton Towers leisure park in Staffordshire.

More than four and a half million visitors are expected in the first year of "The Battersea's" operation.

The majority of them will travel by "The Battersea Bullet", a special train service with a journey time of less than four minutes from Victoria Station across the River Thames. (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Chile protesters shot dead

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state" he respected the outcome of the referendum, in which he received only 42 per cent of the vote. But he emphasized that he had every intention of carrying on "this great work".

Both the President and Señor Sergio Fernández, the Interior Minister, called General Pinochet's vote "significantly high" and, in comments to the media, treated it as if it were a mandate to continue. The general also said that he would adopt any and all measures necessary to keep the peace. All the members of the Cabinet, who resigned on Thursday morning, were reconfirmed.

Opposition leaders called on the tens of thousands of people who had flooded city streets to mark their victory to remain calm, return to their homes, and wait for the official celebration yesterday.

Police reactions were mixed to the demonstrators, who chanted "Carabineers, please understand, our fight isn't with you, it's with General Pinochet", clasped their hands and even hugged them. In some cases, officers responded, simply smiled or retreated. But yesterday it was clear that tear gas, water cannon and clubs had been used by police with great ferocity, leaving an unknown number of people badly hurt.

Opposition leaders reacted notably slowly to the situation. Señor Patricio Aylwin, the president of the Christian Democratic Party and spokesman for the 16-party coalition which had led the anti-Pinochet campaign, said they were "waiting for things to sort themselves out" before announcing further action. But an ally of Señor Aylwin, Señor Germán Correa, of the Almeyda faction of the Socialist Party, told 30,000 people in the Parque Forestal on Thursday night that the "no" victory was the first step in a long effort to regain freedom.

Co-ordinators of the "no" campaign in the provincial cities of Iquique, Arica, Valparaíso and Concepción, announced victory parades and rallies to be held later today.

Kinnock warning on defence

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defence policy that would satisfy the party and the voters.

He said that more people wanted to vote Labour. "This week, because of the last couple of days, people will still suspend their judgement. But they are going to be persuaded.

"They are going to hold their judgement until the party generally is prepared to demonstrate, without all the evasions and all the other diversions, that the party puts service to the British people above any consideration of conference rhetoric or temporary victories at conference.

"When people understand that, then they will vote for us in much greater numbers."

Mr Kinnock said of next year's crucial phase of the policy review: "We will get it right in that year. You need have no fear at all about that."

Mr Kinnock and his Shadow Cabinet hope to achieve a defence policy which will allow a Labour government to give up nuclear weapons in return for reciprocal disarmament moves by the Soviet Union.

Mr Ken Livingstone, the left-wing national executive member, repeated his warning to Mr Kinnock that he faces civil war in the movement if he tries to ditch unilateralism.

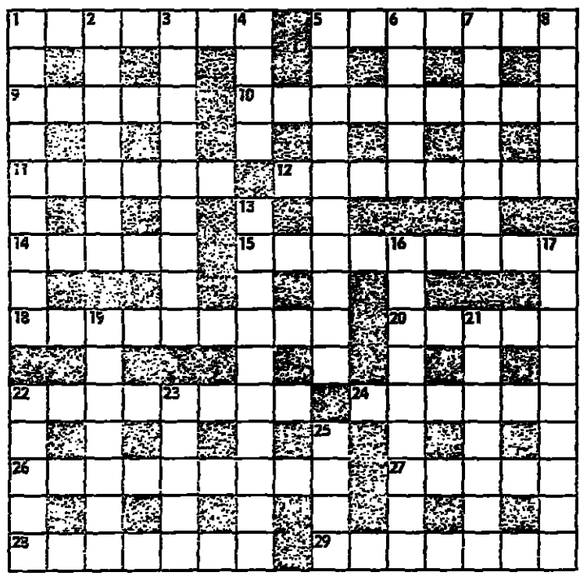
But the determination of the leadership to change the policy was evident as the conference ended.

Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, voiced confidence that the party would eventually unite around a new policy which included multilateral and bilateral disarmament, but with unilateralism remaining an important element.

Influential members of the national executive said that the conference had over the past two days had damaged the party because of the appearance of divisions.

But they described it as a significant internal success, with Mr Kinnock having weaned the movement away from some of its most cherished commitments, and even securing advance on defence.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,795



ACROSS

1 Crew observed in cutter (4,3).
5 River crossed by burning bridges (7).
9 Brand he created was a tragic failure (5).
10 Can settle? Put out feelers (9).
11 Defences produced by little boy getting the bird (6).
12 Move West from Wyoming in terrible disgrace (8).
14 Knave not found in pack (5).
15 Fierce females left one with zero points (9).
18 Woman who's kept score – aunt, perhaps (9).
20 A bird once found in New Zealand, on South Island (5).
22 If rebuffed, stay home (8).
24 Slow movement round ashed (4-2).
26 Variety of Low German used by fisherman (9).
27 Concerted effort to make ball go with a swing (5).
28 Divide second prune (3-4).
29 Bloomer made by new government leader in republic (7).

DOWN

1 Odds and ends I put in two forms of transport – another turns up (4-1-4).
2 Among finest ingredients, taking lots of eggs (7).
3 Conscious about maiden's romanticism (9).
4 It sounds like what this engineer invented (4).
5 Strand theatre's success has a reason (3,7).
6 Hardly the right audience response for villain (5).
7 Author mixed drink with ice (7).
8 Curious how the old boy's shown up (5).
13 Stopped betting? It's beyond our ken (6,4).
16 Rugby chap comes to conclusion, as seen in 17 (4,5).
17 Hence a popular time for programme (4,5).
19 Honourable, but not grand? (7).
21 Provide reference for one in French resort (7).
22 Money not quite enough for author, composer or dictator (5).
23 Book scholar found in ancient kingdom (5).
25 Prophet's body turning up (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,794

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FULIGINOUS
a. Sinister
b. Sooty
c. Full of pep

CALLIBLEPHARY
a. Eye-shadow
b. An unmanned lighthouse
c. The lemon basil

QUAIL
a. A wimpish politician
b. A pretty young woman
c. A horror movie

CALIGULAR
a. Imperially over the top
b. An artery in the neck
c. Binding together

Answers on page 42, column ??

Concise crossword, page 59

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	23.10	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.55	66.06
Canada $	2.13	2.02
Denmark Kr	12.57	11.97
Finland Mk	7.77	7.37
France Fr	11.16	10.56
Germany Dm	3.27	3.05
Greece Dr	264.00	249.00
Hong Kong $	13.75	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.224	1.164
Italy Lira	2450.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	241.00	225.00
Netherlands Gld	3.70	3.50
Norway Kr	12.12	11.52
Portugal Esc	270.00	256.00
South Africa Rd	4.55	4.05
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
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WEATHER

Unsettled. Southern cloud and rain spreading northeastward during the day. Strong wind to gales in the south. Northern Ireland and Scotland brighter. Rain in the Borders later in the day. Outlook: unsettled and rather cold.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Ajaccio	24	75	f	Luxor	34	93	s
Akrotiri	26	79	s	Madrid	28	79	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Majorca	26	79	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Malaga	20	68	s
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Malta	27	81	s
Athens	26	79	s	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Mexico C*	16	61	s
Barcelna	24	75	s	Miami*	30	86	f
Belgrade	22	72	c	Milan	18	64	f
Berlin	13	55	c	Montreal*	9	48	f
Bermuda*	29	84	r	Moscow	11	52	c
Biarritz	15	59	c	Munich	10	50	c
Borde'x	18	64	f	Nairobi	24	75	c
Brussels	11	52	h	Naples	24	75	s
Budapst	13	55	c	N Delhi	30	86	s
B Aires*	26	79	s	N York*	14	57	f
Cairo	29	84	s	Nice	23	73	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Oslo	9	48	r
C'blanca	22	72	c	Paris	13	55	c
Chicago*	12	54	s	Peking	23	73	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Perth	18	64	f
Cologne	13	55	r	Prague	12	54	r
C'phgn	12	54	c	Reykvik	1	34	f
Corfu	25	77	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
Dublin	10	50	r	Rio de J	21	70	c
Dubrovnik	21	70	c	Riyadh	37	99	s
Faro	24	75	s	Rome	22	72	c
Florence	19	66	f	Salzburg	9	48	r
Frankfurt	12	54	c	S Franco*	18	64	c
Funchal	21	70	f	S Paulo*	20	68	c
Geneva	13	55	r	Seoul	23	73	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Helsinki	9	48	r	St'kholm	11	52	f
Hong K	27	81	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Innsbrck	12	54	r	Sydney	22	72	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tangier	20	68	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	27	81	s	Tenerife	20	68	s
Karachi	32	90	s	Toronto*	10	50	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Le Tquet	12	54	c	Valencia	29	84	s
Lisbon	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Locarno	15	59	c	Venice	17	63	f
L Angels*	19	66	c	Vienna	12	54	c
Luxembg	9	48	c	Warsaw	14	57	c

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.6	.03	11	52	sunny
Bridlington	8.1	.04	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	6.6	.05	14	57	sunny
Cromer	6.3	.10	14	57	sunny
Lowestoft	6.0	.19	15	59	sunny
Clacton	5.0	.24	15	59	sunny
Southend	4.0	.26	15	59	shower
Margate	3.8	.32	15	59	rain
Folkestone	3.0	.53	15	59	bright
Hastings	3.1	.70	15	59	rain
Eastbourne	2.5	.89	15	59	rain
Brighton	3.3	.59	15	59	shower
Worthing	3.6	.59	16	61	sunny
Littlehmpton	3.5	.64	16	61	rain
Bognor R	4.2	.89	18	61	rain
Southsea	4.2	.51	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	3.2	.91	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	4.2	.89	16	61	shower
Poole	3.9	.88	15	59	rain
Swanage	4.4	.84	15	59	shower
Weymouth	5.2	.56	15	59	rain
Exmouth	5.7	.33	14	57	sunny
Teignmouth	5.9	.33	15	59	sunny
Torquay	6.2	.32	15	59	sunny
Falmouth	5.2	1.02	13	55	sunny
Penzance	5.7	.89	15	59	gale
Scilly Isles	5.1	.41	15	59	sunny
Jersey	0.5	.61	15	59	rain
Guernsey	1.2	.46	15	59	rain
Newquay	5.4	.74	14	57	shower
Minehead	6.5	.50	15	59	shower
Morecambe	1.6	.53	11	52	rain
Douglas	2.1	.43	11	52	shower
Carlisle	3.4	.45	11	52	shower
Leeds	6.7	.02	12	54	thundr
Nottingham	7.1	.06	13	55	shower
Anglesey	5.4	.09	13	55	shower
Colwyn Bay	4.0	.15	13	55	bright
Tenby	4.9	.62	13	55	cloudy
Aberdeen	5.4	.24	12	54	bright
Aviemore	3.9	.14	9	48	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.3	.92	8	46	shower
Kinloss	4.5	.03	12	54	sunny
Lerwick	-	.23	9	48	rain
Prestwick	1.0	.76	10	50	thundr
Stornoway	5.0	.34	11	52	hail
Tiree	3.0	.35	10	50	shower
Wick	5.0	.12	11	52	shower

These are Thursday's figures

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am,11C (52F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.27in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm,4.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 991.7 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am,9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.043in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.2hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Coltishall (Norfolk) 16C (61F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir (Galloway) 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Cardiff 1.16in; highest sunshine: Bridlington (Humberside) 8.1hr.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 11.15, 8.10pm and 9.10pm and tomorrow at 11.00am.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.52 pm to 6.45 am
Bristol 7.02 pm to 6.54 am
Edinburgh 7.00 pm to 7.02 am
Manchester 6.59 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 7.15 pm to 7.05 am

TOMORROW
London 6.50 pm to 6.46 am
Bristol 7.00 pm to 6.56 am
Edinburgh 6.57 pm to 7.04 am
Manchester 6.56 pm to 6.57 am
Penzance 7.13 pm to 7.06 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	c	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'rmgham	11	52	f	Inverness	10	50	f
Blackpool	10	50	r	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	12	54	f	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	12	54	r	M'chester	8	48	c
Edinburgh	11	52	f	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	10	50	r	R'ridsway	10	50	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.11	6.5	1.27	6.5	London Bridge	1.52	6.8	2.04	6.8
Aberdeen	12.30	3.8	1.04	3.8	Aberdeen	1.05	3.9	1.35	4.0
Avonmouth	6.37	11.5	6.54	12.0	Avonmouth	7.17	12.1	7.29	12.4
Belfast	10.42	3.1	10.42	3.4	Belfast	11.13	3.1	11.28	3.4
Cardiff	6.22	10.7	6.39	11.1	Cardiff	7.02	11.2	7.14	11.5
Devonport	5.13	4.8	5.25	5.1	Devonport	5.51	5.1	6.03	5.3
Dover	10.36	6.1	11.03	6.0	Dover	11.07	6.3	11.26	6.2
Falmouth	4.43	4.6	4.56	4.9	Falmouth	5.21	4.9	5.33	5.1
Glasgow	—	—	12.46	4.2	Glasgow	12.30	4.5	1.18	4.2
Harwich	11.16	3.6	11.42	3.8	Harwich	11.52	3.8	—	—
Holyhead	10.01	4.9	10.07	5.2	Holyhead	10.28	5.1	10.36	5.4
Hull	5.44	6.8	6.15	6.5	Hull	6.18	7.0	6.46	6.9
Ilfracombe	5.28	8.1	5.41	8.5	Ilfracombe	6.01	8.5	6.13	8.7
Leith	2.02	4.9	2.25	5.0	Leith	2.35	5.1	2.58	5.1
Liverpool	10.49	8.5	11.02	8.8	Liverpool	11.21	8.8	11.34	9.0
Lowestoft	8.45	2.3	9.42	2.3	Lowestoft	9.20	2.4	10.11	2.3

Tide measured to metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST
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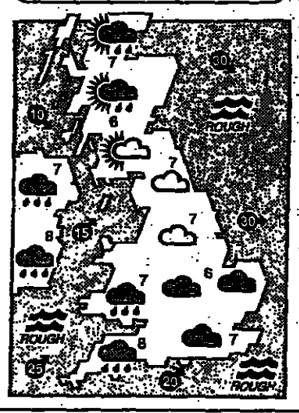
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TOMORROW — Sun rises: 7.15 am; Sun sets: 6.20 pm; Moon rises: 5.38 am; Moon sets: 5.41 pm; New Moon Tomorrow

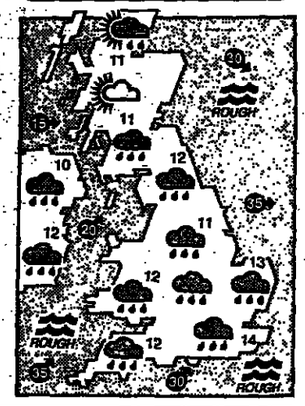
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 8 1988

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

M&S acts to honour the rules

Marks and Spencer is to put inserts in all its Investment Portfolio unit trust brochures because the wording in the literature breaks rules under the Financial Services Act.

The rules say that advertising material offering to sell a financial product must include a "wealth warning" setting out the risks. This warning must be "in a separate paragraph" — the Marks and Spencer's warning is not.

The company is seeking guidance from Lautro (The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation).

Bond deferral

Perth (Reuter) — Bond Corp Holdings' plans to merge with the Bell group have been deferred pending further asset sales by Bell companies.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6975 (+0.0035)

W German mark
3.1565 (-0.0011)

Trade-weighted
75.9 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1490.4 (+8.9)

FT-SE 100
1844.7 (+5.8)

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New York
Dow Jones ..... 2134.78 (+27.03)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 27258.27 (+85.93)
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Hang Seng ..... 2478.87 (+51.83)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 277.4 (+1.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1525.1 (+9.5)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1582.2 (+8.8)
Brussels:
General ..... 5326.2 (-5.7)
Paris: CAC ..... 382.6 (+0.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 488.7 (+4.6)
London:
FT-A All-Share ..... n/a
FT-"500" ..... n/a
FT Gold Mines ..... 175.9 (+1.4)
FT Fixed interest ..... 96.87 (+0.17)
FT Govt Secs ..... 88.74 (+0.35)

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London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11$^{15}/_{16}$%*
3-month eligible bills: 11%-11$^{1}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.24-7.23%*
30-year bonds 103$^{2}/_{32}$-103$^{4}/_{32}$*

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£: DM3.1565	$: DM1.8612*
£: SwFr2.5787	$: SwFr1.5795*
£: FFr10.7537	$: FFr6.3420*
£: Yen226.11	$: Yen133.25*
£: Index75.9	$: Index98.7
ECU £0.655840	SDR £0.765895

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $404.25 pm-$403.90
close $402.75-403.25 (£237.00-237.50)
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Comex $402.80-403.30*

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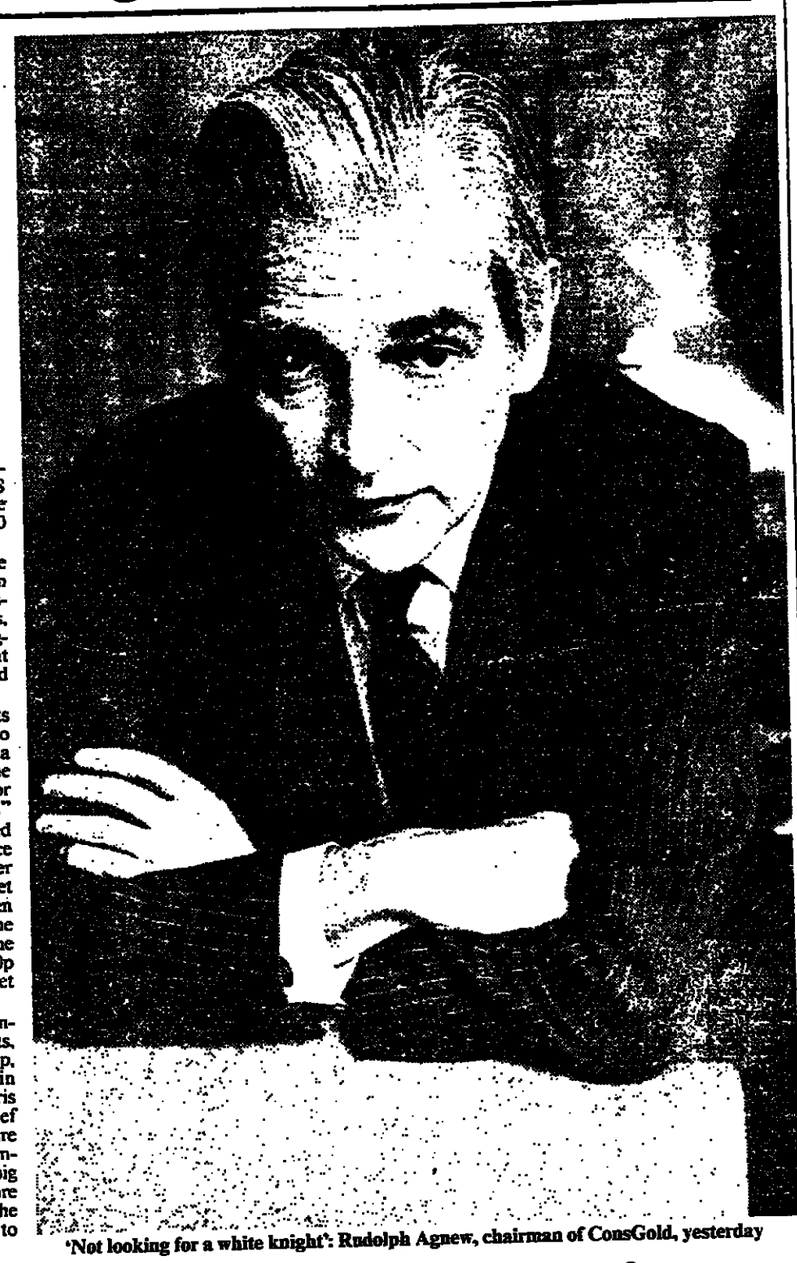
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Market speculation links mining house with ConsGold

Lasmo stake sold by RTZ for £259m



'Not looking for a white knight': Rudolph Agnew, chairman of ConsGold, yesterday

Colin Narbrough

The RTZ Corporation's huge cash pile grew by a further £259 million yesterday as the group completed a strategic withdrawal from the oil and gas sector with the sale of its 28 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil.

The sale to institutions, handled in a "bought deal" by Cazenove and Kleinwort Benson Securities, brought RTZ a £113 million profit on its original investment.

The move triggered market speculation that, as a leading mining and industrial group, RTZ might seek to thwart the South African-controlled Minorco's £2.9 billion bid for Consolidated Gold Fields. English China Clays is regarded as another possible target for RTZ.

Mining analysts played down suggestions that RTZ might be interested in ConsGold on two grounds — that RTZ's priorities were centred on metals other than gold; and that RTZ would probably be very unwilling to take over a group which had such a high South African profile.

But with Mr Derek Birkin, RTZ's chief executive, deliberately keeping out of the limelight, his office sought to dismiss any suggestion that the Lasmo sale was part of plans for an imminent acquisition.

A spokesman recalled Mr Birkin's remark a week ago, that RTZ "would not be hurried into any acquisitions." Furthermore, he had indicated that gold, while one of RTZ's activities, was not a priority. In fact, aluminium has been a better performer for the company this year.

RTZ acquired most of its stake in Lasmo in December 1985, swapping it for its 29.9 per cent of Enterprise Oil. Lasmo last month put its stake in Enterprise up for auction, in what was seen as the start of the final shakeout of Britain's independents.

British Gas, which launched a dawn raid on Lasmo last month, has made no secret of its plans to acquire one or possibly two oil independents.

Lasmo expects to have a short list of would-be buyers for the Enterprise stake in the next two weeks. At present prices it would be worth about £500 million.

Under an agreement with Lasmo, RTZ was restricted on how it could dispose of its stake until next June but the Lasmo board gave its full approval to the sale as it limited the maximum purchase a single buyer could make to 5 per cent.

It followed the sale in April of RTZ Oil and Gas, a wholly-owned subsidiary, for £308 million, and boosts the group's cash pile to £910 million.

An RTZ statement said the investment required to stay in oil and gas would have distorted the company priorities, which were to achieve long-term growth in its important natural resources and related industrial businesses.

With the oil price at its lowest for more than two years, and Opec engaged in a production war, RTZ said the medium-term prospects for oil and gas were "unexciting."

The company considered the 500p-505p a share price received — roughly a 10 per cent discount to the market price — as satisfactory, given the general volatility of the sector and the fact that the shares were trading at 390p before the recent market activity.

While RTZ shares were unmoved by yesterday's events, Lasmo tumbled an initial 31p, but climbed back about 10p in subsequent trading. Mr Chris Greentree, Lasmo's chief executive, saw the departure of RTZ as helping the company by spreading the big holding. This was much more desirable than having the stake sold in one piece to another company.

Dollar hit by slight fall in US jobless

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The US unemployment rate fell to 5.4 per cent last month, from 5.6 per cent in August. But the growth in employment was below expectations, and the dollar fell on the news.

The unemployment level compares with a rate of 5.9 per cent a year ago and a low point of 5.3 per cent in June.

However, the markets were more concerned with the figures for non-farm payroll employment contained in the Labour Department report. These showed that the number of jobs increased by 255,000 last month, below market expectations of a 290,000 to 300,000 rise.

The increase in employment for August was revised down from a previously reported 219,000 to 169,000.

The dollar fell by a pfennig to below DM1.86, while sterling touched $1.70. US Treasury bonds rose on optimism over US interest rates.

But analysts cautioned against reading too much into the lower-than-expected employment increase.

"Superficially they do show weakness, but there are other aspects of the report which show that the economy is quite strong," said Mr David Walton, economist at Goldman Sachs.

Hourly earnings were up by an annualized 4.6 per cent in the latest six months, while hours worked rose by an annualized 3.2 per cent in the third quarter. Mr Walton said the figures were consistent with a growth rate of 3.5-4 per cent for non-farm gross national product in the third quarter.

Dealers said that while the figures reduced pressure on the Federal Reserve to tighten monetary policy, there was little prospect of an easing of interest rates ahead of the election. As a result, the dollar was expected to remain firm.

Agnew admits the logic of a metals marriage

By Colin Campbell

Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman of bid target Consolidated Gold Fields, conceded yesterday that the industrial logic of a merger between RTZ and ConsGold was "undeniable".

Mr Agnew, reacting to RTZ's sale of a 28 per cent stake in Lasmo, added: "At least with them we would enter into a straight financial debate. There would be no problem with that one at all . . . though, mind you, they would have to pay. But at least everything about RTZ is positive."

ConsGold's chairman emphazied, however, that the question of a bid from RTZ was entirely hypothetical, that no approach had been made, and that ConsGold was not looking for a white knight in fending off the hostile bid from Minorco.

ConsGold yesterday lodged, "in the strongest possible terms," a complaint with the Takeover Panel about the latest tactics in the controversial £2.9 billion bid for it by Minorco.

Mr Agnew described Thursday's release by Minorco of documents relating to draft ideas for a 1986 merger between the two groups as "distasteful", in that the "highly selective" dossier suggested that the documents had some substance. Mr Agnew reiterated that Minorco's December 1986 proposals — which were code-named Mark and Caesar — were unanimously rejected by the full ConsGold board (with the exception of the two Minorco representatives) and that the current 1988 offer "has no financial justification and is devoid of commercial logic."

Mr Agnew earlier said that Minorco had "for years pestered ConsGold for a merger," and that in December 1986, a succession of board meetings had been held, right up until just before Christmas Day.

Mr Agnew yesterday added: "Mr Ogilvie Thompson (for Minorco) wanted the whole thing tied up by Christmas.

"I think he planned to wrap up ConsGold in a box and take it back to South Africa in time to give it to Harry (Oppenheimer) as a Christmas present."

ConsGold has now made its submissions to the Office of Fair Trading and circulated its views to the Government and both Houses of Parliament. The tenor of the OFT submission is that the Minorco bid is against the public interest and would be seriously damaging both to ConsGold and the United Kingdom. ConsGold argues that a successful Minorco bid would lead to an unprecedented change in the world's gold market, giving Anglo American and the Oppenheimer family control of approximately a third of total gold production in the West.

It would also mean South African domination of the supply of strategic minerals and metals, including many with nuclear applications.

In a further twist, South Africa's Competition Board has announced it is to investigate the Minorco bid for ConsGold in so far as it affects Gold Fields of South Africa, in which ConsGold holds a 38 per cent interest.

Elders may seek London float

Elders IXL, the Australian group headed by Mr John Elliott, is considering floating its worldwide brewing interests on the London market.

Mr Elliott said in London he had scrapped plans to divide the group into four separately quoted companies, but might float the brewing side, which includes Foster's and Courage. Mr Elliott declined to disclose plans for Scottish & Newcastle and Greene, King.

Revenue drift still hits STV

By Carol Ferguson

The southward drift of advertising revenue continues to plague Scottish Television, which yesterday revealed a 5 per cent fall to £2.5 million in interim pre-tax profits to June 30. The interim dividend was increased by 7 per cent to 3.75p net.

The company has incurred heavy costs through new agreements on retirement and improved pension provisions and the costs of launching its all-night service.

The company said these costs could have been more easily absorbed but for drift.

- Ulster Television revealed a 14 per cent rise in pretax profits for the year to July 31 to £2.2 million. The final dividend was raised 0.75p to 2.75p, making 4.75p.

BZW to reduce its dealings with other market-makers

By Alexandra Jackson

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities arm of Barclays Bank is reducing the amount of business it is prepared to do with other market-makers.

The firm joins Phillips & Drew, which is owned by Union Bank of Switzerland, in narrowing its spreads — the difference between buying and selling prices — and reducing its size — the number of shares in which it is regularly prepared to deal.

The move will lead to greater competition among market-makers, possibly squeezing the smaller firms.

BZW and P&D will concentrate primarily on dealing with institutional clients and agency brokers rather than other market-makers.

Mr Bob Cowell, the managing director of Hoare Govett Securities, the securities dealer, was not impressed with BZW's decision. "We have today increased the size for certain stocks shown on Seaq, in some instances doubling the size to 200,000 shares," he said, adding that he feared the market could become less liquid.

"The Swiss, who hate risk, started it and now the clearing bank mentality is following suit. This is a negative step for the London market. A screen-based dealing system such as Seaq must be visible to be effective," he explained.

Mr Howard Coates, chief executive of BZW's British stockbroking operations, said it was not BZW's aim to cease dealing with other market-makers. However, he added: "We wish to strengthen our leading competitive position and to commit our capital to our clients and not our competitors."

Other market-makers may follow the lead by BZW and Phillips & Drew although there are others happy with the status quo.

Kleinwort Grieveson is not expected to make significant changes to its dealing methods, nor is Hoare Govett or Smith New Court.

Warburgs, the securities house which owns Akroyd and Smithers, the pre-Big Bang jobber, is in the process of re-examining its position.

Mr Steven Dalby, the head of market-making at Phillips & Drew, said the firm had improved its competitive position since adjusting its market-making operations.

Little cheer left for brewer that Clowes controlled

Time is drawing near for Buckley's

By Lawrence Lever

Moments of high drama were few and far between at the 94th annual general meeting of Buckley's Brewery, the Welsh brewer formerly owned and run by Mr Peter Clowes and Mr Guy von Cramer. In fact, there was just one.

At 11.05am, five minutes after the meeting began a short, tubby, silver-haired gentleman appeared. Was this a dramatic entrance from Mr Clowes, perhaps a little aged by the experience of seeing his Barlow Clowes empire crumble before his eyes in recent months? Alas, no. He was one of the 40 or so loyal Buckley's shareholders who attended what will probably be the company's last annual general meeting as an independent company.

Buckley's future is as cloudy as the lees in the bottom of the barrel. Its destiny lies with merchant bank Singer & Friedlander, which has claimed the 53 per cent stake owned by Messrs Clowes and von Cramer and put it up for sale.

About 50 parties have expressed interest in buying the stake and several of them have said they want to keep going Buckley's Llanelli brewery. Buckley's also has 130 pubs and a 49.5 per cent stake in another local brewery which runs 70 pubs.

Yesterday's meeting was held just one year and four days after the reign of Messrs Clowes and von Cramer began when their knock-out £29.2 million bid went unconditional.

Mr Clowes and Mr von Cramer certainly made an impact during their brief reign. Shareholders and employees alike talked yesterday of Mr von Cramer's helicopter trips to the brewery, landing at the nearby Stradey Park stadium, more usually the home of the Llanelli rugby team.

Mr von Cramer's green Bentley turbo was remembered. So, too, was his red one.

Some shareholders even thought that Mr von Cramer had good plans for the company. They didn't know, however, that he had strongly supported a plan to close the brewery, which would have jeopardized the jobs of its 170 employees.

Somewhat surprisingly, in view of the turbulence of the Clowes/Cramer era, no shareholder asked any questions at yesterday's meeting. Perhaps that was because the chairman, Mr Michael Willcocks asked them to put their questions to the board in writing with their name against the questions.

Only a local councillor, Mr Harry Richards, made a short speech when seconding the adoption of the Buckley's report and accounts. "Some items are extremely unpalatable but they did occur and we must accept them," he said. The highlight was the reading of the auditors' report, first in English and then in Welsh.

All the resolutions — including one to reappoint probably one of the shortest-serving boards of directors — were overwhelmingly approved. Mr Willcocks said the company's recent slide into the red had been "a source of disappointment to the board". Perhaps if a sympathetic buyer appears, next year's results will be a pleasurable experience.

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INSIDE STORY

Packing a punch in the City

George Walker's rise out of the ring reads like a film script – but not one that he would want to back, reports Cliff Feltham

JOHN ROGERS



George Walker, looking forward to record profits, and maybe a merger: "The market isn't big enough for all of us. There will have to be a coming together"

Surely, no movie mogul could turn down a script about a boxer who retired from the ring because of injury, successfully managed his handsome young brother, and used his winnings to build a business empire embracing films, casinos, hotels . . ? Especially if it was based on fact.

"People must have come to me with 10 scripts like that but no one, no one, is going to make a film about me," he says. Even at 59, there aren't many people who would argue with George Walker, former Billingsgate porter, former boxer, and now one of the most influential figures in the British leisure industry. And one of the richest.

Profits of his Brent Walker group have grown at a furious rate, fuelled by acquisitions, from just £3.7 million three years ago to more than £20 million last year. In the City analysts expect the group to make profits of £38 million this year.

It could be even more if it hits the takeover trail again. An alliance with one of the other major leisure companies on the stock market is possible. The time is drawing close, Walker feels, when the leading players may decide they need to merge, to create the kind of force necessary to pay for some of the huge leisure projects now in the pipeline. The surprise bid by Mecca for the larger Pleasurama group is an indication of the way the industry is moving, analysts believe.

Even by Walker's own demanding standards, last year was a phenomenally active one for the group. Brent Walker paid £128 million for a clutch of top casinos from Tiny Rowland's Lonrho group; picked up 386 public houses for £45 million from Grand Metropolitan; stepped in with a £32 million offer to save Elstree studios from the bulldozers; put up £10 million to launch the WonderWorld theme park planned for Corby in Northamptonshire; and Walker still found time to call his friend Nat Solomon, chairman of Pleasurama, after the Mecca bid.

"I said that if he ever felt like he needed some assistance he should call me. He never has," says Walker, whose motives were not entirely philanthropic. Pleasurama owns a lot of casinos. So does Walker, who would not say no to acquiring more. There is still talk that he could turn white knight if the battle suddenly runs against Pleasurama.

It was a year in which the pace of expansion was blistering, a year in which Walker laid the foundations for the future of his group. But it was also a year in which his own colourful past was painfully exposed.

Disclosures that he had once served a two-year jail sentence for stealing nylons from the Royal Victoria Docks more than 30 years ago sent a shudder through the City and rocked his share price. Walker was due to announce his company's year-end figures at a press conference attended by journalists, analysts, and his own senior management. He came out fighting. He admitted the conviction, explained that it happened when he was young, denied that he had ever tried to conceal it, and said the experience had acted as a spur to encourage him to make a success in business.

It was a spirited performance. But then, a few weeks ago, reports that his film division had been up to some accounting hanky-panky upset the City. Not surprisingly, investors were asking whether putting their money into Brent Walker was really wise at the moment.

There followed a replay of the first encounter. Again Walker had lined up a meeting to discuss his company's results and was first out of the corner. Solicitors Simmons & Simmons and accountants Peat Marwick McLintock backed his assertion that all the film deals had been above board. He put it down to a smear campaign. But why?

"Look, what it comes down to is that I'm bloody good copy. Left school at 14, ex-fighter, it's all good copy for you boys. What annoys me is that I have never hidden my record from anyone. It was all there. I put it down on every form I ever filled in. I had a bit of a problem when I was 23 and I paid for it and that's that. I don't know why these stories have suddenly started going round. It annoys me because they upset a lot of nice people who have worked very hard for this company to get it where it is today."

Walker is also annoyed about the impression that Brent Walker is a one-man show. Yes, he does find the deals: he concedes that he is pretty good at spotting something others have missed or do not want to take a chance with. But he insists that he does not steamroller his ideas through the board.

When the boss owns 20 per cent of the company which he started from scratch and is 13½ stone and fighting fit, it may need a pretty independent streak of mind to resist his persuasive charms; but that is the way things are run at Brent Walker, he says.

"I handle strategy, PR, films, and Walker-Power (the joint company developing the Trocadero). John Brackenbury, my managing director, is responsible for the rest. I have seven people in the top management team reporting directly to me. John has 33. So the day-to-day running of the business is not just George Walker. We have people here who have handled much bigger operations in other companies. They are paid a lot of money to do their jobs. I am not going to stop them doing it, am I?"

Walker says he has a knack of getting the best out of people. He discovered his talent when he was managing his younger brother Billy, the Blonde Bomber.

"My brother goes round telling people what a great manager I was. I must admit we didn't do badly." Walker's own career in the ring came to an end when he suffered a bad eye injury failing to win the British middleweight title from the Welshman Denis Powell in 1953.

"I made nothing out of the game, pennies, that's all. When I took over Billy I got him £13,500 for his first three fights. That's £200,000 in today's money. He could have been finished after his first fight, but the money was there and so was his security."

The immensely popular Billy Walker probably made around £150,000 from his fights. The money was used to buy a stake in George Walker's father-in-law's garage business. They expanded into taxis, long-distance lorries and petrol stations. Then, in 1964, they launched the first of a chain of five restaurants called Billy's Baked Potato. George still remembers the menu. "10oz potatoes with 10 different toppings, soup of the day and apple crumble and custard, the lot for 2s 9d."

One deal followed another and in 1974 they reversed their company into the old Hackney and Hendon Company, which owned Hackney dog track and a 25 per cent stake in a scruffy site in north west London that was to become the Brent Cross shopping centre. George sold his holding to the Hammerson property company and pocketed a cheque for £5 million. Billy took his share and sought a peaceful life in Jersey, where he still lives, although the brothers remain very close.

"Considering the fights he had, he is in great shape and still looks great. Everyone remembers him with affection," George Walker says.

The proceeds from Brent Cross gave him his admission ticket into the movie world. Not only did he buy cinemas but he also made a series of films, including *The Stud* and *The Bitch*, which turned Joan Collins into a superstar. Simultaneously, however, there were failures.

'My brother goes round telling people what a great manager I was. I must admit we didn't do badly'



Walker in 1953: an eye injury during his middleweight title fight put him out of the ring for good

'Left school at 14, ex-fighter, it's all good copy. What annoys me is that I've never hidden my record from anyone'

A venture into videos was not successful and a West End shopping precinct, Oxford Walk, was losing £250,000 a week. "Worst deal I ever did. I can think of lots of reasons for it failing: it didn't have enough class, the entrance was too small; it just wasn't good enough."

When one of his directors wanted to sell his own shares in the company, Walker, concerned they would end up in hostile hands, stepped in with an offer himself, effectively forcing him to make a full offer to other shareholders. Brent Walker went back into family hands.

But like all former fighters he was already preparing for a comeback, with his eye on raising money to finance a project others had started but abandoned, the Brighton Marina: "If Oxford Walk was the worst deal, this was the best," he says.

The marina will eventually have 800 homes (being built by Barratt), a hotel and leisure complex, health hydro, multi-screen cinema, casino and water theme park.

"It is a little bit of Venice on the south coast," Walker says. "The problem with the original plans was that there was too much water and not enough land, so the whole thing looked cramped and messy. I knew it could work, so I handed over a £325,000 deposit giving me a six months option to buy it, and sketched out what I thought it should look like. You would be surprised how close the sketch was to the final plans which were approved for the marina."

Brent Walker agreed to buy the site for £13 million but had already negotiated to sell a small part of the site to the Dee Corporation for a Gateway supermarket, clawing back £10 million of the initial outlay.

One city analyst who has followed Brent Walker's approach points out: "Everyone thinks that George Walker is the big risk-taker, jumping in where others fear to tread, but he always tries to reduce the risks to a minimum."

Though the share of Brent Walker's profits which comes from films has decreased, the group remains a considerable force in the industry, through its ownership of Goldcrest, now back in profit, its stake in Trillion, the London docklands television production company, and now its involvement in Elstree.

Most Brent Walker projects tend to be big and eye-catching. It is to build an astrodome in Basildon which will be the largest covered stadium in Europe, with full size soccer and cricket pitches and an ice rink. It is building an £18 million world trade complex in Cardiff. The WonderWorld amusement park planned for Corby, so long coming that it has been dubbed WonderWhen, now has the full weight of Brent Walker behind it. The financial commitment at this stage is £10 million but the group also has the potentially lucrative contract to manage the park.

The company has just applied for the cable television franchise in Birmingham. "Mention cable television to most people and they think it is a disaster area," Walker says. "We plan to set up a microwave video distribution system, which is widely used in the States. You can start transmitting immediately and all people need is a £10 box on the back of their sets. Then, in a few years, when sufficient money is coming in, you can start laying cable."

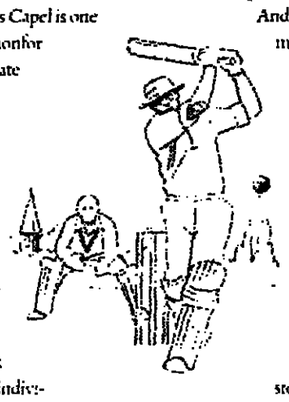
He feels strongly that the UK leisure scene is too small to accommodate the number of operators involved: companies like LandLeisure, First Leisure, Mecca, Pleasurama, and Wembley (in which he has now acquired a share stake of about 4 per cent).

"I look at companies where I see possibilities of growth. Wembley looked, and still looks, a good investment. All the companies in the leisure sector are fairly small and I don't think the market is big enough for all of us. There will have to be a coming together. It will happen when the time is right," he says.

So far, Brent Walker has never made a hostile bid. But George Walker will not shrink from a fight if it turns out to be the only way. That should be enough to keep the leisure sector on its toes.

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GT chief says firm is not for sale

By Wolfgang Münchau

GT Management, the international fund management group subject to intense takeover speculation, yesterday denied that the company is up for sale. However, GT confirmed that it had been approached by a number of suitors.

In the first public statement by the company since takeover speculation started to gather intensity four weeks ago, Mr David FitzWilliam-Lay, the chief executive of GT, said: "We have received a number of approaches, but none is in the interest of shareholders. There are great benefits to remaining independent."

During the past two days, the share price has risen from 173p to 183p, hitting 190p at one stage yesterday morning, compared with 148p only a month ago. According to financial analysts this amounts to an overvaluation on fundamental value of as much as 50p.

Mr FitzWilliam-Lay said there was no disagreement between the directors of GT, although he confirmed that discussions were being held.

He said informal approaches had been made by Tyndall, the financial services group, and a Swiss company. Other suitors are believed to include Deutsche Bank, British & Commonwealth and Henderson.

Mr FitzWilliam-Lay was particularly firm with regard to Tyndall: "There is a relationship with Tyndall," he said, "but it is unlikely to take on another form. We do not welcome the comments they have made about us, nor do we think they are accurate."

Mr Peter Glossop, one of GT's directors, is also a non-executive director of Tyndall.

Mr FitzWilliam-Lay gave a warning that a hostile takeover would not succeed, as GT's business is 75 per cent dominated by institutional investors.

'We will not be stampeded into GrandMet offer'

Pillsbury prepares for battle

Chicago (New York Times) — The chairman and chief executive of the Pillsbury Company, surprised and embittered by the sudden takeover offer by Grand Metropolitan, has given a strong indication that the Minneapolis food and restaurant group would fight the bid, even though analysts are calling it more than generous.

"They really have not seen what the value of this company can be over time," said Mr Philip Smith, referring to Pillsbury's shareholders.

Mr Smith hinted that restructuring and capital-investment programmes under way at Pillsbury could produce more than $60 a share for investors.

Pillsbury is planning to reorganize its food business to eliminate certain administrative layers and to spend $100 million (£59 million) over the next few years to upgrade its Burger King division.

"We will be able to flow increased value to our shareholders through our programmes," Mr Smith said.

On Wall Street, however, Mr Smith faces a battle.

A substantial proportion of Pillsbury's stock is said to be in the hands of arbitrageurs, and securities analysts are leaning toward Grand Metropolitan.

"There have been many managements in the past who have taken the same rationale as Pillsbury and ultimately couldn't produce on it," said Mr Barry Ziegler, an analyst at Tucker Anthony & RL Day. "It turned out to be a mistake for shareholders," he added.

Miss June Page, an analyst at Bear, Stearns & Co, said: "The question is, do you want to go with a sure $60 offer, or do you want to bet on Phil Smith and the record of Pillsbury? I'd go with the known offer."

But Mr Smith said: "We will not be stampeded into this highly conditional offer."

These were Mr Smith's first public remarks since GrandMet made its surprise $60 a share, $5.23 billion offer for Pillsbury on Tuesday.

Since then, the British conglomerate has dominated the public arena — holding news conferences in Minneapolis to try to assuage local concerns that it planned to break up Pillsbury, issuing a flurry of news releases and meeting Minnesota's governor and other state officials in an effort to win their support.

But Mr Smith, who joined Pillsbury only a few months ago, decided to take the offensive at the end of the week.

Citing securities laws, which require him to bring all offers for Pillsbury before its directors, he was careful not to comment on the adequacy of GrandMet's offer.

Nor would he say whether Pillsbury had begun talking to other companies which might come to its rescue or whether it was considering a management-led leveraged buyout. Analysts have cited all these alternatives as possibilities.

GrandMet's Sheppard tightens his grip on US food group

By John Bell, City Editor

Mr Allen Sheppard, who runs GrandMet, has a Londoner's colourful way with words. "Our management style," he once said, "is that of a light grip on the throat."

Senior executives at the Minneapolis headquarters of Pillsbury, the American food giant, are also feeling GrandMet's grasp becoming firmer as they prepare to fight the British group's unwelcome £3.1 billion takeover bid.

The Pillsbury raid may have stunned traders on Wall Street, who tended to think of Pillsbury's troubled Burger King operation, the world's second largest hamburger chain, as a poison pill likely to deter all but the boldest of bidders. But in London, the market had been expecting a spectacular conclusion to the financial deck-clearing that Mr Sheppard has been working on for months.

The two largest elements alone, the sale of US soft drinks bottling operations which netted £400 million and the £1.35 billion sale of Inter-Continental Hotels, left Mr Sheppard with enormous firepower. The only mystery left was just where GrandMet would strike.

The battle for Pillsbury is Mr Sheppard's kind of deal. A man who believes in controlled conflict as a creative management tool should thrive on the combination of cut and thrust in the US courts plus a corporate chess game with Pillsbury's management, both played to a rowdy audience of Wall Street arbitrageurs.

For GrandMet, a great deal hangs on the success or failure of the move for Pillsbury. Before Mr Sheppard's elevation to the chairmanship, GrandMet was regarded as a prime candidate for takeover and break-up. Mr Sheppard, who joined the group after a high-flying career at Ford, Chrysler and British Leyland, commands respect in the City for his direct approach and clear eye for strategy.

"In the 1990s GrandMet will become one of the world's greatest food and retailing companies," says Mr Sheppard with conviction.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lloyds confirms offer of Access and Visa

The first of the big four banks to offer customers both Access and Visa credit cards is to be Lloyds, the bank confirmed yesterday. Lloyds, until now solely an Access card issuer, said that providing Visa would allow it to offer "an improved service to retailers and cardholders."

Retailers hailed the move as the start of a key restructuring of the UK credit card industry. With the credit card business being investigated by the Monopolies Commission, the Retail Consortium said: "Retailers will have the opportunity to reduce their card charges by being able to negotiate with more than one organization for Visa and Access services."

Arcolectric profit dips

Arcolectric (Holdings), a manufacturer of electric switches and neon signal lamps, yesterday reported first-half pre-tax profits of £320,098 against £357,418 and sales 16.8 per cent higher at £5.08 million. Earnings per share fell to 4.79p from 5.35p. The interim dividend rises to 0.44p per share from 0.42p.

Pilgrim calls off share issue

Pilgrim House, the group formed from the merger of RHP and Burgess Products, has called off its planned £42.6 million share issue. Delays in winning US regulatory approval for its planned $254 million (£150 million) acquisition of Hanson's Kidde Fire Protection subsidiary have forced the postponement.

Quarto seeks £5.2m

Quarto Group, the USM-quoted book and magazine publisher, is raising £5.2 million through a sale of convertible preference shares. Through its broker, McCanghan Dyson Capel Cure, it is placing 3.1 million shares and offering a further 2.1 million to existing shareholders at £1 apiece. Holders will be offered six new shares for every 11 held.

The money will be used to repay existing borrowings and finance diversification. Quarto says it intends to become a leading international publishing and production house.

Car dealer up to £1.25m

Frank G Gates, the Ford dealer based in Woodford, London, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £1.25 million, up from £997,000, on a turnover of £38.36 million — an increase of more than £5 million — for the six months to June 30. Earnings per share have risen from 6.2p to 7.7p.

S&N in joint US venture

Smith & Nephew Inc, the Chicago-based offshoot of Smith & Nephew Associated Companies, has formed a 50-50 joint venture company with Vitaphore Corp, of San Carlos, California. The new company, Vitaphore Wound Healing, will research and develop advanced disposable wound care products.

MSCC excludes city

Just under 80 per cent of the shares of Manchester Ship Canal Company yesterday were voted in favour of two resolutions at an extraordinary meeting which will effectively end the boardroom majority of Manchester City Council and increase the company's borrowing powers to £45 million. The meeting, originally scheduled for September 29, had been postponed after a complaint by rebel shareholders, led by Mr Nicholas Berry, a former chairman of the company, on the grounds that too little notice had been given.

Spanish slip at Tharsis

Pre-tax profits at Tharsis, a Glasgow pyrites exporter, increased to £378,000, (£228,000) despite a fall in turnover to £2.23 million (£2.82 million) in the six months to June 30. The downturn was caused by reduced sales from Compañía Española de Minas de Tharsis, its Spanish subsidiary.

Meyer lifts Travis stake

Meyer International has mopped up a further 3.9 per cent of the Travis & Arnold share capital. By noon it had spent £8.3 million, picking up 1.39 million shares to lift its total holding to 23.2 per cent. The Travis board, speaking for 41.5 per cent, has expressed its preference for merger terms from Sandell Perkins.

Hawtal up to interim £32,000

By Cliff Feltham

Hawtal Whiting Holdings, the car design consultancy, is steering back towards profitability after losses of £1.5 million last year.

The company yesterday reported a pre-tax profit of £32,000 for the first six months of the year on turnover of £14.7 million. Brokers expect the company to make full-year profits of £750,000.

Hawtal's problems last year were caused by the fall in the value of the dollar against sterling. This eroded profits on work carried out for its largest customer, General Motors of the United States.

But yesterday Mr John Whitecross, the chairman, said Hawtal had secured work with other car manufacturers and was doing more work for GM in the US rather than Britain.

He said: "During the first six months of 1988 our exposure to the dollar was partly reduced by the expansion of business activities in our overseas subsidiaries — Hawtal Whiting of Canada and Hawtal Whiting Inc — with some reduction in the export of services from the UK, where further steps were taken to hedge our exposure to foreign exchange.

"I believe our efforts to eliminate losses and return the business to profitability in 1988 are proving effective," he added.

The company has also set up a new specialized styling business, Styling International.

There is no interim dividend, as has been normal policy, but the intention is to pay a final to match last year's 4p payout.

On the stock market the shares finished 2p better at 115p.



Happier days: Ronnie Aitken in Bentley's before its crash (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Dozens of orders for Bentley's Oyster Bar

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Leisure Investments, the restaurants group, is one of the leading contenders to buy Bentley's Restaurant & Oyster Bar, the flagship of Bentley's of Piccadilly where a receiver was appointed this week.

Leisure — which owns the Fatso's Pasta Bar and Tony Roma's rib restaurants, as well as Lingfield race course — had a £5.5 million bid for Bentley's, which runs several other London restaurants, such as Oodles, Le Routier, and the Macarthurs hamburger chain, rejected last July.

"I think questions must be raised over their description of our bid as ludicrously low," said Mr Stephen Forsyth, the managing director of Leisure Investments.

"I am interested in Swallow Street (the Bentley's oyster bar), but I wouldn't take the rest unless I had to — and I don't think I'd pay more than £4 million now."

"We've already put our marker down with the receivers. If we are successful we will use cash," he said. His inquiry was one of a couple of dozen received by Mr John Richards and Mr Tony Houghton, the Touche Ross accountants appointed by Mr Ronnie Aitken, the chairman of Bentley's on Thursday.

"The telephone has not stopped ringing," said Mr Richards. "Don't forget these are real brand names, there is tremendous potential. But we'll be taking no early decisions. At present we're working hard to stabilize the business, and ensure continued supplies of produce. I expect it to be several weeks before we agree a sale." Shares in Bentley's have not been traded on the stock market since August 20 1987, when the company was known as Oodles. The Stock Exchange ordered no further deals after that date, when they were quoted at 19p — 22p, but gave no reason.

Oodles had arrived on the stock market in October 1985, when Mr Aitken reversed his Oodles wholefood chain into Dickwella (Holdings), a former plantations company. It is currently thought to have about 1,800 shareholders.

Bentley's, which owns also the Dingwalls Music and Dance venue at Camden Lock, North London, has suffered from "substantial problems following recent acquisitions and a breakdown in the group's computerized management and financial systems."

Charles Barker dips to £2.15m in first half

By Our City Staff

Charles Barker, the recruitment and public relations firm, yesterday announced reduced first-half pre-tax profits of £2.15 million, against £2.25 million, on turnover 8.3 per cent lower at £48.65 million.

The downturn in profits came as a result of reduced consumer advertising expenditure by its clients, said Mr David Norman, the chairman and chief executive. However, the executive recruitment and public relations businesses have performed to target.

James Capel, the broker, has downgraded the full-year profit forecast to £3.8 million from £4.9 million.

There is likely to be an extraordinary charge to cover the fees of merchant bankers and advisers during recent futile takeover talks with WPP, the advertising agency, which expressed an interest in Charles Barker's public relations and regional advertising businesses. Charles Barker reiterated yesterday that it is no longer for sale.

Charles Barker's advertising subsidiary, Ayer Barker, is not expected to show a significant improvement for the remainder of the year, but is likely to perform significantly better next year following its recent success in winning the Fiat dealership and Gillette accounts.

Charles Barker has also decided to regroup its various public relation companies, Charles Barker City, Lyons, Watney & Powell and Traverse-Healy under a new holding company, Charles Barker public relations, to be headed by Miss Angela Heylin.

Earnings per share fell by 0.9p to 5.5p. The interim dividend is raised to 1.2p from 1.1p. Charles Barker shares rose 2p to 145p following the announcement, reflecting a market view that a takeover is still a possibility despite the company's denial.

Rifkind opens £2m factory in Inverness

The Secretary of State for Scotland, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, yesterday relaunched one of the oldest heavy engineering firms in Scotland.

He opened the £2 million purpose-built factory of Verson AJ Welders in Inverness, Highland, following its move from a nearby town centre site. The plant, which produces advanced heavy welding machinery, was built with the assistance of the Highlands and Islands Development Board.

The company, known as "the welders", was set up more than 100 years ago and since its takeover by Verson's has doubled turnover to £5 million-plus and increased employment from 125 to 142 since 1985.

The International chairman and managing director of Verson, Mr Tim Kelleher, said: "The Inverness company's growth has been a direct result of investment in new products and in boosted sales through the group's worldwide marketing network.

"The new premises create additional capacity and represent Verson's firm commitment to development in Scotland."

Lofs launching £4.5m rights

A further financial restructuring of London & Overseas Freighters, the lossmaking tanker-owner, is to include a £4.5 million rights issue of 11.25 million new B preferred ordinary shares.

The issue will be underwritten by Seneca Shipping, which is 8.9 per cent owned by Mr Minas Kulukundis, a director at Lofs.

A $6.8 million (£4 million) Seneca loan to Lofs will help it repay other loans. The new shares will be entitled to 90 per cent of the assets and voting rights of Lofs. Sumitomo could secure a 5 per cent equity stake in Lofs through terms of a $19 million loan.

Expansion quintuples US life business for insurance group

Royal in $110m Maccabees purchase

By Our City Staff

Royal Insurance is expanding its modest life business in the United States with the $110 million (£65 million) purchase of Maccabees Mutual Life Insurance of Michigan.

Maccabees, founded in Canada in 1878 and named after a priestly warrior family from Jerusalem, is changing its status from a mutual to a stockholder company, and has agreed to the Royal terms.

The company occupies an "up-market niche" in the American life assurance industry, and the purchase will quintuple the size of Royal's life operations in America.

The two sides have been talking for a year as Maccabees inched towards its demutualization, which was decided on in 1985. This was prompted by a growth rate which could not be financed adequately under mutual status.

Royal is moving into the top end of the US insurance market to try to expand without risking a high exposure to premature mortality rates due to Aids.

A high proportion of Maccabees policyholders have to undergo a medical examination before the policy is granted because of the high sums insured. The average size of Maccabees policies is a sum insured of about $200,000, four times the industry average.

Maccabees has $20 billion of life business in force and has admitted assets of more than $800 million. It operates in all states except Alaska and New York. Consolidated net premiums written in 1987 totalled $200 million.

Mr Alan Horsford, Royal's chief executive, said Maccabees provided the group "with a rare opportunity to acquire a quality company whose products, services and performance rank among the best US financial institutions."

The deal will provide Maccabees with the capital necessary to fund its expanding operations, with Royal putting up an $80 million capital note.

Maccabees sells through 8,000 sales representatives, agents and brokers with its biggest business in the upper Midwest, although its largest individual state in terms of business is California.

Funding the purchase, through internal resources and local US borrowings, will have little impact on Royal's solvency margin although it will slip by about 1 per cent. Royal shares dipped from an overnight 384p to 375p amid initial fears that there might have to be a rights issue to fund the purchase, but rallied later.

Money Market Cheque Account from Bank of Scotland.

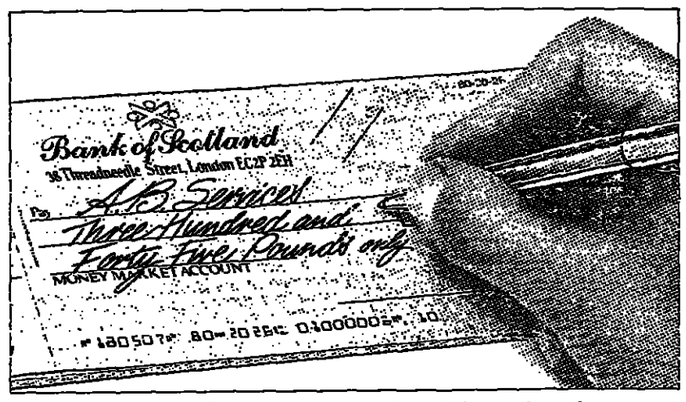
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International firms set for seats on HK exchange council

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's powerful Stock Exchange Council is set to be opened up to international broking firms later this month. In the past the exchange was dominated by the Crown Colony's small local stockbrokers, but on October 17 the 751 members of the exchange will elect 16 corporate and individual members to their ruling council from 26 names which have been vetted by Hong Kong's governor, Sir David Wilson.

The list of nominations includes international firms such as Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, Hoare Govett, County NatWest, Jardine Fleming and Wardley-Thomson.

Also included on the list are the colony's biggest broking firm, Sun Hung Kai, and China-backed Chung Mao Securities. The move to reduce the influence of the local firms was suggested by Mr Ian Hay Davison and his Securities Review Committee, which earlier this year described the pre-crash Stock Exchange as being run like "a private club".

The stranglehold of the small brokers has been broken by the Hong Kong government, which advised nine brokers not to stand for election at a time when the Independent Commission Against Corruption is widening its investigation into corrupt practices at the exchange.

A further eight present and former exchange officials, including current chairman Mr Charles Sin and former chairman Mr Ronald Li, are due to appear in court next Thursday on charges of accepting share bribes. As a result of government pressure, only four of the names on the list approved by the Governor are members of the exchange's existing 14-member management committee.

Mr David Nendick, the secretary for monetary affairs, said the nomination list "represents a good spread of memberships of the exchange. We've got both local and international members, corporates and individuals."

One of the first tasks that will face the 16 newly-elected members will be to elect five laymen as independent members of the council, one of whom is almost certain to be Sir Quo-wei Lee, the chairman of the Hang Seng Bank.

Last month Mr Piers Jacobs, Hong Kong's financial secretary, said that Sir Quo-wei would be the ideal chairman.

Friendly Hotels calls off £25m deal

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Henry Edwards, chief of the fast-growing Friendly Hotels group, yesterday called off a £25 million deal to take over the privately-owned Baron Hotels and Leisure group. He said Baron had been unable to provide sufficient financial information to satisfy the Stock Exchange.

He said: "I would like to have done the deal or I wouldn't have negotiated the agreement. But more and more difficulties got in the way. The rise in interest rates since we started talking also made the deal less attractive." The stumbling block was Baron's inability, it is believed, to supply a five-year profit record.

Baron owns seven hotels including the King's and West Beach in Brighton, the Queen's Hotel, Crystal Palace, and the Spider's Webb at Watford, with a total of 660 bedrooms. The acquisition would have made Friendly, which owns 11 hotels, one of the largest independent operators in the country.

But Mr Edwards — who built up and sold two hotel chains before forging Friendly out of the acquisition of the old Arden & Cobden group in 1985 — says he is looking at a number of other possible deals.

Shares in Friendly Hotels rose 2p to 251p.

Serif Cowells purchases board maker

Serif Cowells, the Trivial Pursuit publishing and printing group, which came to the USM in August, yesterday announced the acquisition of Eireann Game Manufacturing, the County Limerick producer of boards for Serif Cowells' games, for £750,000. Eireann achieved pre-tax profits of Ir£303,000 (£259,307) for the six months to June 30.

News of the acquisition coincided with the publication of Serif Cowells' first-half pre-tax profits, which saw an increase to £1.92 million from a previous £1.77 million on turnover up to £27.92 million from £26.39 million. Earnings per share rose to 5.2p, an increase of 0.9p.

Serious questions to answer as Jaguar takes a pounding



The anti-Lawson school of teenage and tottering scribblers has focused on the probable £10 billion to £15 billion deficit this year in the balance of payments.

The Thatcher economic miracle is a mirage, they say; the Tory oasis is really only the sand of the 1960s and 1970s.

This is rot, but when, as happened this week, 3,500 Jaguar workers walked out, ostensibly because one man had been moved to another production line, and car production was stopped "indefinitely", I realize that some things have not changed.

Jaguar's profits are sliding to near vanishing point. The company is looking for higher productivity (six cars per man against 4.6), a smaller work force (1,200 fewer jobs) and a minimal pay settlement (2.9 per cent). Negotiations about to start between management and unions are likely to be bitter.

None of this is surprising to those whose view of Jaguar has not been clouded by post-privatization hype and the smooth public relations at which the engaging Sir John Egan is so adept. Essentially what has happened to Jaguar is that the valuable benefits conferred by a cheap pound on sales and profits in the key American market have been superseded by the disadvantages of a strong pound.

The interesting question is whether Jaguar is a better car manufacturer — to which the informed answer seems to be that it is not. The management has not significantly changed since its nationalized days; attitudes and techniques are not radically different; and it is quality, not adverse movement in the dollar, that is mainly responsible for falling sales. The old communications skills are still in evidence. Offering a gloss to a 16 per cent drop in US sales in September, the Jaguar spokesman said: "We are very satisfied with what is happening in America. We are seeing a recovery . . . and we have the lowest stock levels of any luxury car-maker."

Jaguar can no longer be paraded as a shining example of what happens when the clogging dust of state ownership is blown away by free market forces. It looks seriously in need of major management changes (George Turnbull is talked of as a possible import) if it is to survive as an independent and profitable manufacturer with a two-model range competing in a luxury market dominated by the German giants, Mercedes and BMW.

A huge effort is needed to improve reliability, and it is hard to see Jaguar returning to the front of the grid without a major injection of capital.

The company is formally protected from predators until 1990 by the Government's golden share. The market assumes that Jaguar will not survive as an independent for long after the barrier is raised, an assumption that helps to sustain the share price through the current depression. Something may happen earlier. But what? As the US market is so important to Jaguar an American partner like General Motors or Ford would make sense. The name to conjure with, however, might be Volkswagen.

Fair shares for all

Next month's £2 billion-plus sale of British Steel (what chance now of higher base rates!) may have to be tailored more to institutional fund managers' liking than in a fashion private investors would prefer; but in the 10 water companies and the 12 area electricity distribution companies the Government has a magnificent opportunity to revive the faltering cause of wider share ownership. They are substantial and safe monopolies, and they mean something to people living in the regions where they operate. Water, worth £5 billion or more to the Exchequer, is pencilled in for November next year, with electricity (£8 billion) following in May/June 1990.

Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, pushed by Schroder Wagg, pulled by the water chairmen and elbowed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has done the right thing. Investors will be given the opportunity to buy shares in their favourite water service company and, if it also their local company, enjoy the perks. If, however, they want to invest more than a certain amount (a figure not yet fixed) they will have to take a collective share in all 10 companies. The collective shares are really designed for institutions and overseas investors.

So far so good, but there is no evidence yet that Cecil Parkinson and the Department of Energy are ready to abandon the confusing scheme devised for the electricity distribution companies by Kleinwort Benson: a collective share in all 12 companies with an option to invest in any of the individual companies, but without necessarily knowing the price of the shares at the time of the offer. The price of the collective shares would be fixed in advance, but prices of shares in each of the separate companies would be left for the market to decide.

This leap in the dark method of marketing is favoured by Department of Energy civil servants. The reason Whitehall is pushing for one share valuation instead of 12 is inbred caution. If you value 12 companies separately the chances of making mistakes are greater than if you have a stab at one price for all 12.

But protecting civil servants is not a sufficient reason for turning away confused Sids. Mrs Thatcher needs them. It cannot be right to leave investors in the dark until Stock Exchange market-makers have decided how much they will pay for their shares. They must know before the off. Parkinson should follow Ridley's lead.

US House approves thrift bill

Washington (New York Times) — The US House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a bill that would create a National Commission on the Thrift Industry to formulate a plan to rescue the troubled savings and loan industry and its insurance fund.

The House sent the measure to the Senate, where a similar bill establishing a national commission was passed late last month.

The House bill would create an 18-member panel consisting of 10 members from the private sector and eight from Congress.

It would be required by February 1, 1989, to provide recommendations on how Congress should deal with the industry's huge losses, on whether a taxpayer bailout is necessary, and on whether the thrift industry, roughly equivalent to British building societies, should be maintained as a separately regulated business.

Chamber leaders back Lawson line

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor



Burman: success must be won

Business leaders in the national council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce (ABCC) have supported measures by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to control inflation through interest rates and a stable exchange rate.

The responsibility for industry's success lies primarily with businesses themselves, the ABCC has decided. Mr Roger Burman, the ABCC chairman, said after the meeting: "Supply-side competitiveness has to be won and not merely granted. The level of exchange rates and interest rates, while important factors, must not deflect the attention from the real task."

He added: "At this juncture business supports the Chancellor in his objectives. We share his hope that present policies will bring the right result."

In taking its stance the ABCC is closer to the Institute of Directors than the Confederation of British Industry which has been worried about the rise in interest rates and the affect of a strong pound on exports and so on company profit margins.

The ABCC, which represents about 65,000 businesses, believes interest rates are starting to dampen domestic demand. It also maintains that the priorities for industry and commerce are competitiveness and the level of labour costs.

Waiting for the canal boat to come in

If you think the fire has gone out of Mancunian commercial life you have not been following the fight for that valuable Victorian relic, the Manchester Ship Canal Company — a subterranean struggle that within days has twice surfaced in the Lesser Free Trade Hall. The chief protagonists are John Whittaker, the Lancashire property developer (Peel Holdings), and much admired by the canal company chairman, Manchester solicitor Robert Hough; and Nicholas Berry, who has just sold his shareholding in Harrap, supported by the heavyweight Prudential Assurance and Globe Investment and the company's Smaller Shareholders' Protection Association. The glittering prize to the winners is the property value of the company's decayed acres, with the proposed 300 acre Trafford Park Shopping Centre a jewel potentially worth between £100 million and £200 million.

Whittaker, silent in public and like Brutus an honourable man, has the majority of votes by dint of preference shares. According to the statute by which the company is governed, the Manchester City Council (Labour) has ultimate voting control but the burghers are ready to leave the ship in exchange for £7 million (repayment of a debenture) and £3 million from the profits of a joint venture with Whittaker's private company, Great Hey Investments.

This deal is part of a reconstruction scheme passed at a previously adjourned meeting on Thursday, aided and abetted by the postal strike and Hough's inflexible line on proxies. Whittaker's opponents do not object to the council deal but they are vehemently against changes which they see as opening the door to the company board using a rights issue to dilute their shareholdings. If that happened — Hough dismisses it as "mischievous speculation" — Whittaker would be Caesar and more of the spoils would go to the preference holders, notably him.

It is now all up to the Ministry of Transport Inspector who according to statute will advise the Minister whether the restructuring should be permitted. I hope he is in an expert in company law, not canals.

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NEW YORK

Jobs report gives Dow initial boost

(Reuter) — Shares remained higher in early trading yesterday but gave up some of their strong opening gains. Buying followed the report of a smaller-than-expected rise in US employment in September, brokers said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 8 points higher at 2,115.75 after reaching 2,124.00. Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by three to one in moderately active trading.

Amax rose by ½ to 22. It has doubled its quarterly dividend to 10 cents a share.

On Thursday, the Dow average closed 1.24 up at 2,107.75.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng Index rose 51.83 points, or 2 per cent, to 2,478.87 and the Hong Kong Index 36.13 to 1,632.32. Shares closed higher amid the heaviest turnover that brokers have seen in more than a month.

Turnover surged to HK$667.6 million (£50.4 million) from HK$296.8 million on Thursday. It last topped yesterday's close on September 5 when it hit HK$688.42 million.

● **Sydney** — At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was 8.7 points higher at 1,525.1. The gold market soared 32.4 to 1,595.0 and the All-Resources Index rose 9.6 to 775.8. The All-Resources Index rose 9.6 to 775.8 and the All-Industrials 6.6 to 2,525.3.

The market closed higher as firmer bullion prices started enthusiasm for leading gold and resource shares.

TOKYO

Late surge of buying lifts Nikkei

(Reuter) — Prices closed higher yesterday on a last-minute buying surge after staying on the minus side for most of the day. Mr Toshitsugu Ogiwara, the deputy general manager at Tokyo Securities, said: "The late rally is due to technical reasons and not any particular positive sentiment. There was some concern in the market after it closed lower for five consecutive days for the first time in post-war history, at the start of the brokerages' new financial year."

The Nikkei index rose 85.93 points, or 0.32 per cent, to 27,258.27. It fell by 233.15 on Thursday. The five-day series of losses was not only the first in post-war history for the October period — which is the start of the new year for many financial institutions — but also the first for 1988, brokers said. They said that the institutions usually give the index a boost by buying after closing their books on September 30.

The index fell by 209.78 to a low of 26,962.56 at the beginning of the afternoon, but rose to the day's high of 27,260.50 just before the close. The fall below the 27,000 support line also took investors by surprise and encouraged buying. Rises and falls were almost evenly matched with 430 issues up and 413 down.

STOCK MARKET

Japanese 'buying NEI shares'

Northern Engineering Industries, one of Britain's leading power plant companies, rose a further 2.5p to 104.5p yesterday amid talk that Mitsubishi, the Japanese conglomerate with annual sales of more than £70 billion which ranks second in the world after Mitsui, is building a stake in the company.

Mitsubishi recently announced a joint venture with NEI whereby the two will make electric railway traction equipment and ancillary systems for British Rail and will plan new light railway systems.

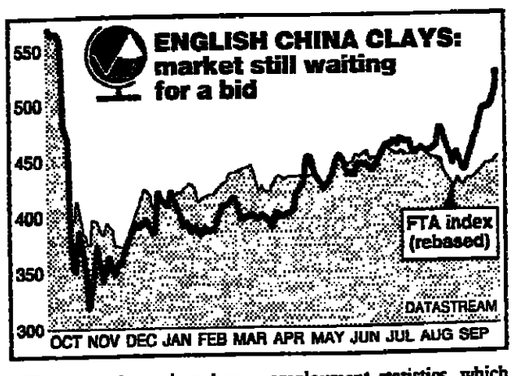
It already had a working arrangement with NEI including licence agreements for high voltage switchgear and equipment for a Hong Kong power station and brokers feel that the sudden interest taken by the Japanese in NEI is about to be taken a significant stage further.

McCanghan Dyson Capel Care, the broker, is a fan of Sun Alliance, the composite insurer, at £10.07. It believes that the quality of the group's earnings and its high solvency margin will support an impressive dividend growth of 22.5 per cent over the next four years.

Dealers have noted the steady improvement in the NEI share price — in a large market — over the past few weeks and, knowing that it takes a considerable amount of buying to cause such a movement, are convinced that Mitsubishi now holds a stake of about 4 per cent.

Sentiment in NEI has also recently been helped by contract news. It thwarted FKI Babcock, its rival, last week when it won two contracts worth £200 million each to supply boilers for two of the Central Electricity Generating Board's proposed coal-fired power stations — West Burton B in Nottinghamshire and Kingsnorth B in Kent.

Meanwhile, equities concluded an exciting week on a steady note. After a slow start, prices picked up on the excitement created by the RTZ-Lasmo development. The US employment statistics, which showed no signs of the economy overheating, also kept the bulls happy.



The FT-SE 100-share index recovered a 6-point fall to stand 1.4 higher at 1,840.3 in mid-afternoon. The narrower FT 30 share index showed a 10-point rise at 1,491.5.

Gilts moved slightly higher on receding worries about higher interest rates as the pound made further progress on foreign exchange markets.

As RTZ swelled its coffers by a further £259 million following the sale of its 28 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil, speculators quickly chased English China Clays higher on the assumption that Mr Derek Birkin, RTZ's chairman, will soon launch a £1 billion-plus bid for the Cornish minerals and buildings group.

Shares of ECC touched 528p before closing 13p higher at 525p. Whispers in the market were already suggesting that RTZ, which has been clearing the decks for a big acquisition, had already approached Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, for his near 5 per cent stake in ECC.

It would be a perfect time for RTZ to swallow ECC — most areas of the group's business are firing on all cylinders. Smith New Court, the broker, is a fan of ECC and estimates that its true net asset value is 850p-plus a share.

Meanwhile, Bryant, the Midlands housebuilder, which fended off a £187 million bid from ECC last year, after which ECC was left with a 29.9 per cent stake, closed 5p better at 140p.

The broker County NatWest WoodMac believes talk that either AB Foods or Coles Myers is about to bid for Asda, the cash-rich stores group, is wide of the mark. It has yet to be convinced that any of the rumours have any credence. Nevertheless, the shares rose 5p to 153p.

Buyers bought Bryant in the hope that ECC will try again as a so-called poison pill defensive move.

Another company tipped to be on RTZ's shopping list, Delta, the electrical equipment and metals group, advanced by 10p to 295p.

Working on behalf of RTZ, Cazenove, the broker, placed 51.85 million Lasmo shares with various institutions. This was done in blocks of up to 9 million since RTZ's articles of association prevent it from selling more than 5 per cent to a single party.

This served to depress the Lasmo share price as it plummeted on fading bid hopes to 520p at one stage in hectic trading. It closed 25p down at 526p on a turnover of more than 110 million shares. This compares with the 595p peak attained last month when British Gas failed in an attempted dawn raid to pick up a 14.9 per cent stake at 480p a share.

Enterprise Oil reacted from an initial firm level of 638p to close 10p lower at 624p.

Last week, Enterprise touched a peak of 700p on talk that Lasmo had received an £8-a-share offer for its stake in Enterprise from British Gas, but since then analysts have been pouring cold water on the story and suggesting a sale price of about 650p to 700p.

Geoffrey Foster

WALL STREET

	Oct 6	Oct 5		Oct 6	Oct 5		Oct 6	Oct 5
AMR Cp	48	48¾	Fedders	10⅝	10¾	Pennzoil	73¼	73
ASA	38⅛	38	Fst Chicago	33	33	Papsico	38⅝	38⅝
Aetna Life	51	51⅛	Fst Int Bncp	49⅝	50⅛	Pfizer	55⅜	54⅝
Allied Signal	33⅝	33⅝	Fst Penn C	12⅛	12⅛	Phelps Dod	43⅝	43⅝
Alls Chlm	½	½	FT Wachva	39⅝	39⅜	Philip Mor	97	97⅝
Alcoa	55⅜	54⅝	Ford Motor	51⅜	51⅜	Philip Pet	19⅛	19
Amax Inc	21½	21½	GAF Cp	48⅝	48⅝	Pillsbury	57⅛	58⅛
AMR Hess	26⅝	26⅝	GTE Cp	42⅞	43⅛	Polaroid	38⅝	38⅜
Am Brands	53⅝	54	Gen Cp	20	20	Primerica	28⅛	28⅜
Am Cynmid	50	48⅝	Gn Dynam	50⅝	50⅝	Procs Gble	79⅛	79⅝
Am Ele Pwr	26⅝	27	Gen Electric	42⅝	43	Pub SE Gr	24⅝	24½
Amexs	28	28	Gen Inst	26⅝	27¼	S Nabisco	55⅝	55⅝
Am Family	13⅝	13⅝	Gen Mills	52⅛	52⅝	Raytheon	72⅛	71⅝
Am Home	79⅛	80⅜	Gen Motors	74⅝	74⅜	Rynlds Metl	53	53⅛
Am Int Grp	67	66⅝	Gen Pub Ut	36⅞	36⅝	Rockwell Int	21⅞	22
Am Telph	25⅝	25⅝	Genesco	5⅝	5⅝	Royal Dutch	105⅛	105
Amoco Cp	73	72⅛	Georgia Pac	35⅞	35⅛	SFE Sopac	19⅝	19⅛
Anheuser B	31⅝	32	Gillette	34⅝	34⅞	Sara Lee	43⅝	43⅝
Arch Dan	20	20⅛	Goodrich	57⅛	57⅛	Schlumb	32⅝	32⅛
Armco Steel	10⅞	10⅞	Goodyear	54	53⅝	Scott Paper	38	38⅛
Asarco Inc	26⅛	25⅝	Gould Inc	23	22⅝	Seagram	65⅛	65⅞
Ashland Oil	33⅛	32⅛	Grace Co	25⅞	25⅝	Sears Roeb	39⅝	40
Atl Richfld	77⅛	76⅛	Gt Atl Pac	47⅜	47⅛	Sec Pac	39⅝	39⅝
Avon Prod	24⅛	24⅜	Greyhnd	36	33⅞	Shell Trans	66⅛	65⅞
Bk Bostpo	27⅜	27⅜	Grumen	22⅝	22	Smith Beck	46⅝	46⅛
Bank NY	34⅜	34⅛	Gulf Weste	39¼	40	Sony Cp	45⅛	45⅛
Bankamer	16	16⅛	Heinz	47	46⅝	SW Bell	39⅝	39⅝
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Beth Steel	21⅛	20⅝	Honeywell	63⅛	63⅝	TDK	61⅛	61⅛
Boeing	64⅛	64⅛	IC Ind	37⅛	36⅝	TRW Inc	46⅛	46⅛
Boise Casc	44⅛	44⅛	ITT Cp	49⅝	49⅝	Teledyne	329½	329
Borden	54⅝	54⅛	INCO	30⅛	30⅜	Tennaco	47⅝	47⅝
Brist Meyr	44	44⅛	Ing Rand Wl	34⅛	33⅝	Texaco	44⅛	43⅞
BP	49⅛	49	Inland Steel	37⅝	37	Tex Eastn	25⅝	25⅞
Brunswick	19⅛	19⅛	IBM	114-	113⅝	Texas Inst	39⅝	39⅝
Burl Nth	71⅝	71⅝	Int Paper	44⅛	45⅛	Tex Util	27⅜	27⅝
CBS	176	175⅛	Irving Bk	74⅛	73⅝	Textron	26	26
CMS Engy	23	22⅝	Jhsn & Jhsn	86⅜	85⅞	Travelers	35⅞	34⅝
CPC Int	53⅛	52	K Mart	37⅛	37⅛	UAL Cp	96⅝	96⅝
CSX Cp	30⅝	30⅝	Kaisertech	18⅛	18⅛	USG Cp	7⅛	7⅛
Camp Soup	30⅝	30⅝	Kerr McGee	37	36⅝	USX Cp	27⅛	27⅛
Can Pacific	17⅝	17⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	60⅜	62⅝	Unilever Plc	31⅜	31⅛
Caterpillar	58⅝	57⅛	Kraft	59⅝	59⅛	Un Carbide	25⅞	25
Centrl SW	31⅜	31⅛	Kroger	59⅝	58⅛	Un Pac Cp	58⅛	57⅜
Champion	32⅝	34⅛	LTV Cp	2⅜	2½	Unisys Cp	30⅝	31⅛
Chase Man	29⅛	29⅛	Litton	72	71⅛	Unit Brand	17⅞	17⅞
Chem Bank	31	31⅛	Lockheed	42⅝	41⅛	Us West	57⅞	56⅝
Chevron	43⅝	43⅝	Lone Star	32½	32⅛	Utd Tech	41⅛	41⅛
Chrysler	24	24⅜	Man H'nwr	27⅛	27⅜	Unocal	34⅝	34⅝
Cigcorp	25	25⅛	Manvlle	3⅝	2⅝	Warn Lamb	75⅞	74⅛
Clark Eq	30	29⅛	Mapco	55⅛	55⅛	Wells Far	89⅝	89⅝
Coca Cola	42⅝	42⅝	Marriott	31⅛	31½	Westg El	55⅝	53⅞
Colgate	46⅛	46⅞	Mt Merriete	42⅝	42	Weyerhsr	24⅝	24
Columb Gas	34⅛	34⅛	Masco Cp	26⅝	25⅞	Whirlpool	26	25⅞
Cmb'n Eng	30⅛	30⅝	Mcdonalds	48⅝	48¼	Woolworth	56⅛	55⅞
Cmlth Ed	31⅛	31⅛	McDonnell	72⅝	72	Xerox Cp	56⅛	57⅜
Cons Edis	44⅞	44⅞	Mead Cp	43⅝	44⅛	Zenith	20⅝	21
Consol Ng	38⅝	38⅛	Merck	58⅛	57⅞			
Cont Data	22⅛	21⅝	Mnsta Mng	61⅝	61⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	61⅛	60⅝	Mobil	42⅞	42⅛			
Crane	30⅛	30⅝	Monsanto	78	77⅛	Agnco Eag	13⅞	13⅝
Curtiss W	50⅞	50⅝	Montedison	14⅞	14	Alcan Alum	37⅝	37⅞
Data Gent	20⅜	19⅝	Morgan Jp	35	35⅝	Algoma Stl	25.00	25.00
Deere Co	45⅞	45⅛	Motorola	40⅛	39⅞	Can Pacific	21⅞	21⅞
Delta Air	50⅛	50⅝	NCR	56⅝	56⅛	Consinco	20⅝	20⅞
Detroit Edl	15⅞	15⅛	NL Indstrs	5⅝	5⅞	Con Bathrst	14⅝	14⅝
Digital Eq	98⅝	98⅛	Nat Md Ent	23	22⅝	Hawk S Can	21⅞	21⅛
Disney	64⅝	64⅝	Nat Semi	9	8⅝	Rcd Bay M	19⅛	19⅝
Dow Chem	86⅝	86⅝	Norfolk Sth	29⅛	29⅛	Imasco	26	25⅞
Dresser Ind	28⅝	28⅛	NW Bancrp	34⅛	34⅛	Imperial Oil	50	49⅞
Dupont	80⅝	80⅝	Occid Petl	25⅞	25⅛	Inco	36⅝	37⅛
Duke Pwr	46	46	Ogden Cp	31½	30⅝	Royl Trstco	16⅛	15⅞
East Kodak	46⅛	46⅛	Olin Cp	47⅛	47⅛	Seagram	67⅛	67⅛
Eaton Cp	62⅝	62⅝	PPG Ind	44	43⅞	Shalco 'A'	40	39⅝
Emerson El	29⅝	29⅝	Pac Enterp	46	45⅞	Thmsn N 'A'	29	28⅝
Emery Air	5⅛	5⅛	Pac Gas El	17⅞	17	Vally Cp	3.20	3.20
Exxon	44⅝	44⅝	Pan Am	2⅛	2⅛	WCT	16⅝	16⅝
Farsh Inc	11⅞	11⅞	Penney JC	51⅛	51⅛	Weston	34⅛	34⅛

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Worldwide Sd	191.9	203.4	+0.2	4.77
American Gth	155.6	165.5	+0.5	0.98
Asian Pacific	67.45	72.15	+0.36	1.50
Assets & Earns	141.4	150.8	+0.9	1.21
Capital Res	81.28	81.53	+0.09	2.69
Comm Energy	85.15	90.35e	+0.49	0.00
Euro Capital	73.50	78.19	+0.26	0.96
General	161.6	171.9	+1.1	2.62
Japan	89.00	91.98e	+1.06	0.00
UK Gth Inc	122.9	128.7e	+0.9	1.77
Do Acc	181.8	193.4e	+0.5	1.18
US Energy Co	46.55	48.45e		0.00
Income Gth	266.5	282.4	+2.2	3.38
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Australian	22.82	24.07e	+0.10	1.43
Euro Tst	45.91	48.86	+0.15	0.00
Extra Inc	37.82	39.59e		5.28
Fund Invest	84.66	90.10	-0.21	1.09
General	140.3	136.1e	+0.4	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.51	23.94e	+0.01	9.57
Global Income	35.27	37.53e	+0.06	5.15
Income Growth	63.79	69.95	+0.92	4.29
Japan Gen	197.2	197.2	-2.1	0.00
N Amer Inc	29.1	27.7e		3.96
Special Sits	61.34	67.38	+0.53	1.30
UK Growth	31.14	32.89e		2.90
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Europa	355.7	416.0e	+2.0	4.63
Far Eastern	208.4	223.9e	+1.0	0.00
Fin & Prop	76.48	83.13	+0.35	2.56
Hi Trsty	76.73	83.40e	+0.15	4.58
Income & Gth	310.5	329.0e	+2.0	4.37
Int Earnings	163.5	184.4e	+1.4	2.89
Int Gth Inc	86.07	91.66e	+0.37	3.20
Japan Gth Acc	147.3	157.2	-2.3	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	119.2	127.0	+0.7	2.53
Preference Inc	129.0	136.6e		8.91
Spec Sits Inc	98.1	101.8	+0.19	4.36
Spec Sits Gth	298.5	316.2	+0.7	1.52
Spec Sits Inc	128.7	136.3	+0.1	1.53
UK Growth	378.0	398.3	+2.7	3.30
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Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 28291 dealing 0793 610396				
High Income	287.8	306.5e	-2.5	5.29
Equity Inc	167.7	178.5	+0.9	4.72
High Yield	173.5	184.7	+0.9	5.16
Balanced	412.9	439.7	+5.6	3.24
Amer Inc	28.54	30.39	+0.05	0.68
World Acc Val	27.76	29.56e	-0.02	0.88
Japan	137.1	146.0	-1.9	0.01
Sec of Amer	186.4	198.5	+0.1	1.11
Asset Value	223.5	244.5	+1.5	3.09
Overseas Earn	212.4	226.2	+1.5	3.09
Recovery	100.9	107.4e	+0.5	2.58
UK Spec Sits	254.3	272.8e	+2.9	2.19
Spec Co Tst	164.7	175.4	+0.4	2.18
Capital	245.3	261.2e	+2.7	2.89
Amer Spec Sit	64.37	68.55e	+0.12	1.88
International	147.4	157.0	-0.45	1.02
Growth & Inc	148.4	158.0e	+1.1	3.63
Euro Gth	18.72	19.93	+0.09	1.25
Pacific	212.2	225.9	-2.7	0.00
2nd Smlr Co	182.1	193.9e	+0.4	2.02
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Capital	78.95	84.21	+0.51	3.37
Euro Gth Inc	65.81	69.99e	+0.65	1.11
Extra Income	94.5	100.8e	+0.5	4.40
General	162.5	173.2e	+1.4	3.45
Gth & Fixed Inc	53.18	54.82e	+0.14	9.51
Income Tst	401.3	428.0	+3.8	4.05
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Equity Inc	68.89	72.10	+0.5	4.16
Europe	104.6	109.4	+0.5	1.32
Exempt Tst	56.82	57.99e		3.10
Growth & Inc	76.00	80.64e	+0.10	2.70
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Gilt & Fixed	60.71	64.42	+0.11	0.00
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Do Inc	160.1	185.4e	+1.2	1.29
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Income	91.88	98.31e	-0.81	5.53
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Do Acc	142.5	152.2	+0.9	2.93
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Endurance	118.9	124.3e	-1.5	1.89
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tst: 0296 431400				
Equit Pelican	92.86	98.81e	+0.72	3.74
High Income	94.83	100.9	+0.71	4.95
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.89	54.78	+0.33	9.49
Tst Of Inv Trsts	97.93	99.55	+0.32	2.14
Spec Sits Tst	99.04	106.3e	+0.66	2.85
Nth Amer Tst	89.17	92.95e	+0.11	1.41
Far East Tst	114.0	121.3	+0.1	1.03
Intl Gth	58.24	61.98	+0.15	1.76
European Tst	42.55	45.27	+0.16	1.72
EQUITY & LAW				
St. Georges Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QG Tst: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	176.0	187.3e	+0.8	3.55
Do Inc	143.9	153.3e	+0.1	3.55
Higher Inc Acc	328.1	349.1c	+0.5	4.89
Do Inc	247.7	263.6c	+0.6	4.89
Gilts & Fxd Acc	118.1	119.6	+0.5	8.97
Do Inc	81.32	85.47	+0.35	8.97
N Amer Acc	118.2	125.8c	+1.7	0.17
Far East Acc	141.4	150.5e	+2.0	0.15
Japan	61.51	65.46	+0.85	0.00
Strategic Opp	42.78	52.64	+0.51	1.42
Do Acc	46.46	49.23	..	1.42
Int Currency	43.51	46.29e	+0.16	6.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tst: 01-623 4000				
US Smlr Co	66.27	70.89e	+0.39	0.83
US Inc Fd	89.60	94.76e	+0.01	4.60
Far East Fd	82.50	86.24e	-0.89	0.00
Overseas Inc	63.14	67.52	+0.11	4.23
Fxd Interest	83.75	86.96	+0.16	9.79
Natural Res Fd	56.1	60.0	+0.3	2.01
European Inc	84.90	89.32	+0.18	2.10
Financials Fd	46.17	49.38	+0.22	2.40
Intl Tech Fd	96.8	102.7e	..	0.76
UK Gth	65.59	71.33	+0.09	2.23
US Major	47.43	50.51e	+0.19	0.87
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
199, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tst: 041-221 6030				
Amer Gth Acc	66.82	70.87e	+0.27	1.20
Do Inc	64.49	66.81e	+0.26	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	93.48	91.37e	+0.10	4.80
Do Inc	84.81	89.32e	+0.09	4.80
Inc Gth Acc	58.73	60.35e	+0.13	2.70
Do Inc	48.82	51.72	+0.12	2.70
Smr Co Acc	67.89	72.61	+0.19	0.70
Do Inc	66.11	70.52	+0.19	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	23.72	25.23	+0.04	1.20
Do Inc	23.45	24.95	+0.03	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	17.01	18.09e	+0.48	2.00
Do Inc	16.82	17.89e	+0.45	2.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Tower Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tst: 0800 414161				
American	106.8	113.1	+0.1	0.90
American Exty Inc	26.10	29.62	+0.01	5.42
Amer Spec Sit	92.92	95.72	+0.17	0.76
Australia	26.48	27.11e	+0.11	1.89
European	20.52	24.19e	+0.06	
European Inc	21.23	22.62	+0.02	4.29
Global Conv	21.56	23.02e	+0.02	5.68
Far East Inc	39.07	40.92	+0.06	3.68
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.35	29.54e	+0.03	9.59
Growth & Inc	115.0	123.1	+0.3	4.75
Japan Spec Sit	67.84	72.13	-0.43	..
Japan	13.31	13.93e	-0.1	..
Managed Intl	102.4	109.3	+0.1	0.47
Inc Plus	103.4	110.9	+0.3	5.45
Pension Mans	41.21	44.14	+0.10	1.78
SE Asia	39.1	41.89	+0.23	0.82
Special Sit	288.7	289.39	+1.5	0.74
Special Opps	21.84	23.23	-0.14	0.00
Intl Bond	24.73	25.52	+0.03	2.25
Recovery	32.52	34.82	+0.09	2.35
Moneybuilder	26.70	27.35	+0.05	3.51
FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
3, Lauderdale Mill Bridge, Lauderdale Road, London EC2M 5HD Tst: 01-628 6181				
Amer Smlr Cos	179.7	190.1	+0.5	..
Do Acc	182.1	194.2	+0.5	..
Amer Turn Inc	208.3	220.4	+0.9	..
Do Acc	216.1	228.6	+0.9	..
Capital Inc	208.2	220.2	+0.9	..
Do Acc	216.0	228.4	+0.9	..
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.8	110.0	+0.4	6.50
Do Acc	146.9	157.5	+0.5	6.50
European Inc	139.2	147.2	+0.4	2.14
Do Acc	59.96	63.44	-0.03	0.90
Euro Inc Inc	235.7	249.4	+0.5	4.99
Do Acc	270.9	286.6	+0.4	4.99
Financial Acc	44.99	47.60e	+0.17	1.20
Do Inc	44.58	47.17e	+0.16	1.20
Income Tst	182.4	171.8	+0.3	4.33
Do Acc	181.8	192.1	+0.3	4.33
Intl Growth Fd	142.3	150.5e	-0.7	..
Do Acc	158.1	167.3c	-0.6	..
Japan/Gth Inc	112.8	119.3	-1.3	..
Do Acc	112.8	119.3	-1.3	..
Mastrfd Inc Fd	123.9	131.1e	+0.4	4.59
PEP 87	80.09		+0.26	3.46
PEP 88	83.96	87.10	+0.35	5.19
Recovery	180.5	191.0	+0.7	1.73
Do Acc	199.4	211.0	+1.2	1.73
Smaller Inc	58.41	61.80e	+0.19	2.66
Do Acc	59.41	62.86e	+0.19	2.66
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tst: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411222				
Equity Tst	237.9	252.3	+0.87	2.95
Do Acc	414.9	439.7	+0.49	2.95
Euro Gth Dist	58.60	62.39	+0.15	0.48
Do Acc	58.16	62.01	+0.15	0.48
Fxd Interest Dl	115.1	121.4	+0.36	7.89
Do Acc	151.2	159.5	+0.48	7.89
Int Gth Dist	54.46	57.78	-0.28	0.57
Do Acc	84.72	89.85	-0.43	0.57
Nth Amer Dist	113.3	120.3	+0.08	1.45
Do Acc	118.1	123.1	+0.08	1.45
Prop Basin Dist	177.3	188.1	-1.68	6.00
Do Acc	183.2	194.3	-1.74	6.00
Steward Dist	235.0	248.1	+3.68	1.56
Do Acc	247.6	262.5	+3.77	1.56
Steward Inc Dl	89.21	62.76	+0.79	4.24
Do Acc	84.81	89.94	+0.75	4.24
N Am Steel Dl	54.83	57.91	+0.22	0.72
Do Acc	55.30	58.62	+0.22	0.72
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
6th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tst: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 3531				
Amer Sp Sits	57.04	61.01	-0.14	0.45
UK Cap Inc	127.5	135.2	-0.1	3.18
Do Acc	190.9	204.2	+0.1	3.18
Do Spec Sits	52.47	56.42e	+0.30	1.78
Income Fd	97.88	104.7e	+0.29	5.84
Japan Gth Inc	117.2	125.3	-0.2	1.14
Far East Gth	115.2	123.2	+1.3	0.29
European Fd	285.1	305.0	+1.3	0.29
Germany Fd	56.31	59.67e	+0.35	1.55
Intl Inc Fd	48.61	51.99	+0.18	6.04
Wld Spec Sit	58.13	62.18	+0.21	2.95
Global Prp Inc	46.47	49.71	+0.41	2.95
Do Acc	46.47	49.71	+0.41	2.95
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tst: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3986 Services: 0800 289820				
US Gth Tsts				
British Acc	69.35	74.38		2.58
British Inc	63.05	67.38		2.58
Capital Inc Gth	34.05	36.45		2.59
Main Expt	257.7	276.8e		2.59
Pract Inv Inc	64.35	71.15e		2.10
Do Acc	125.8	134.5e		1.11
Spec Sits	105.0	111.1e		1.03
UK Sel Opps	62.47	64.48		1.63
UK Smlr Cos	101.5	109.2e		1.31
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc Acc	60.20	64.39		6.20
Fxd Interest	29.69	31.12		7.75
High Income	30.37	32.49e		5.68
Income	99.86	106.8		3.99
Prop Inc Tst	85.41	24.24e		7.24
International Tsts				
Common Shrs	58.42	62.49	..	1.53
GT FUND MANAGERS				
5, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BR Tst: 01-623 3500				
Global Gth	40.78	43.39	+0.13	0.80
High Income	96.06	102.2e	+0.78	5.63
N Amer Tst	111.8	118.8e	+4.7	0.55
Pacific Gth	40.21	42.29e	+0.23	0.82
Recovery	333.1	343.6e	+2.0	2.20
Sl Wkd Inc Gth	48.03	51.09	+0.14	5.74
Sl Wkd US Gth	48.54	51.61	-0.17	0.00
Sl Wkd Sp Sits	92.13	97.92	..	3.55
Technology	26.70	27.35	+0.05	3.51
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261016				
Amer Exty Inc	54.62	57.65e	+0.26	6.39
Canadian Tst	44.43	47.15	+0.13	5.40
Conv Inc Tst	46.82	49.68	+0.13	5.40
European Tst	85.39	90.54	+0.25	0.80
High Income	78.85	84.11e	+0.34	5.04
Intl Sec Tst	94.03	99.77e	+0.44	2.14
Japan Exempt	117.4	124.5e	-1.9	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	87.49	91.00	-0.02	1.59
Recov & Asset	64.48	68.78	+0.34	1.93
Smlr Co Inc	94.43	100.2e	+0.53	1.31
Smlr Co	34.37	36.57e	+0.14	1.31
UK New Gen	39.18	41.69	+0.35	1.79
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261016				
Amer Recov	97.82	105.7	-0.03	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	42.95	46.15e	+0.01	0.00
Australian	104.9	112.1e	..	1.51
Capital World	91.26	97.48	+0.13	1.20
Cap Gth Inc	61.51	66.24e	+0.22	2.36
Do Acc	73.76	79.46e	+1.11	2.36
European	210.9	224.1c	-0.5	0.97
Far East	118.3	125.7	+0.5	0.00
Euro Smlr Co	77.86	83.15e	+0.11	0.06
Extra Income	225.2	244.1e	+0.9	4.89
Financial Tst	164.3	181.2	+1.3	2.39
Gen Portfolio	141.3	150.2	+0.6	2.30
Gilt Tst	40.51	42.66	+0.05	9.91
Global Health	78.19	85.04	+0.11	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	60.27	65.02	+0.22	2.66
Global Recov	70.07	76.02	+0.06	0.00
Global Tech	95.37	103.5	-0.21	0.00
Gold	37.06	39.10	..	0.00
High Income	168.2	179.2	+2.1	0.00
Income	52.39	55.97	..	0.00
Income Assist	104.1	110.9	..	0.00
International	150.5	161.2e	-0.3	0.57
Jap Spec Sits	192.0	205.0e	..	0.00
Japan Tst	188.3	199.2	..	0.00
North American	137.2	146.2	+0.1	0.00
Pacific Smlr Co	83.87	90.07e	..	0.00
Pension Mans	42.74	44.89	..	3.26
Prop & Gilt	56.48	59.67e	..	5.39
Ptfl Inc Gth	108.3	115.4	+1.5	3.80
Ptfl Inc Inc	33.95	36.26	..	6.00
Smlr Co Gr	165.7	183.6	+0.4	4.00
Spec Sits Inc	177.5	189.9e	+0.9	1.43
Technology	46.82	49.82	+0.24	0.00
Worldwide	468.2	540.1e	..	1.85
Euro Exempt	106.2	116.7e	-0.8	0.70
Glbl Tec Expt	67.52	70.48	-0.58	0.00
Glbl Tst Expt	116.1	118.1e	+1.6	0.00
Japan Exempt	189.1	198.4	..	0.00
N Amer Expt	83.42	87.27	..	0.00
Pacific Exempt	175.1	181.3	..	2.73
Smlr Co Exempt	171.1	182.5	+0.4	0.00
Sterling Bd Exempt	39.02	40.70	+0.57	2.92
Spirit Of Eist	35.78	38.36e	..	2.22
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5NA Tst: 01-686 4355 01-638 1011				
British Units	81.57	86.59	+0.07	3.25
Capital Units	174.3	182.2	+0.5	2.58
Dollar Units	178.8	192.2	+0.5	1.59
European	118.2	123.7	+0.5	0.00
Far East	132.1	141.2	+0.7	0.00
Fixed Interest	42.07	45.12e	+4.6	2.34
Gilt Inv Inc	27.48	28.45e	-0.24	9.47
High Yield	94.22	99.07	+0.06	5.15
Income	103.4	110.4	+0.4	4.68
International	109.7	117.2	+0.7	1.82
Japan Tech	48.45	52.86	-0.61	0.00
Nat Resources	46.96	49.10	+0.19	1.19
Smaller Co	224.2	239.7e	+1.9	2.60
Special Sits	121.4	129.8e	+0.7	2.22
US Smlr Co	25.51	27.28	-0.28	0.02
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
35, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tst: 01-236 4210				
Amer Smlr Cos	134.2	142.1	+1.0	1.71
Inc Plus	70.84	75.67e	..	3.23
Cap Gth	68.01	71.97e	..	3.35
Inv Tst Fnd	78.86	83.48	..	1.24
INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC MANAGERS				
3, Landsdowne Road, Bournemouth BH1 1SB Tst: 0202 [illegible]				
Amer Smlr Cos	179.7	190.1	+0.5	..
Do Acc	181.2	194.2	+0.5	..
Amer Turn Inc	208.3	220.4	+0.9	..
Do Acc	216.1	228.6	+0.9	..
Capital Inc	208.2	220.2	+0.9	..
Do Acc	216.0	228.4	+0.9	..
Conv/Gilt Inc	104.8	110.0	+0.4	6.50
Do Acc	146.9	157.5	+0.5	6.50
European Inc	139.2	147.2	+0.4	2.14
Do Acc	59.96	63.44	-0.03	0.90
Euro Inc Inc	235.7	249.4	+0.5	4.99
Do Acc	270.9	286.6	+0.4	4.99
Financial Acc	44.99	47.60e	+0.17	1.20
Do Inc	44.58	47.17e	+0.16	1.20
Income Tst	182.4	171.8	+0.3	4.33
Do Acc	181.8	192.1	+0.3	4.33
Intl Growth Fd	142.3	150.5e	-0.7	..
Do Acc	158.1	167.3c	-0.6	..
Japan/Gth Inc	112.8	119.3	-1.3	..
Do Acc	112.8	119.3	-1.3	..
Mastrfd Inc

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1	ASDA Group (aa)	Foods	
2	Parkfield	Industrials I-R	
3	Boot (Henry)	Building,Roads	
4	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
5	Auto Sec	Electricals	
6	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
7	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
8	TVS	Leisure	
9	Nobo Gp	Industrials I-R	
10	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
11	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
12	McKay Secs	Property	
13	UBI	Electricals	
14	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
15	Alpine Group	Foods	
16	AAH	Industrials A-D	
17	Bibby (J)	Industrials A-D	
18	Tiphook	Shipping	
19	Jermyn	Property	
20	Eurotunnel Units	Industrials E-K	
21	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
22	Clyde Pet	Oil,Gas	
23	Anglo Leasing	Banks,Discount	
24	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
25	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
26	LWT Hldgs	Leisure	
27	TV-AM	Leisure	
28	Adwest	Industrials A-D	
29	Zeners Gp	Leisure	
30	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
31	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
32	Cropper (James)	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Lyles (S)	Textiles	
34	Hong Kong Land	Property	
35	Really Useful	Leisure	
36	Reuters (aa)	Industrials L-R	
37	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
38	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
39	Dowty	Motors,Aircraft	
40	Reed Int (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
41	Hicking Pemecost	Textiles	
42	West & Country	Property	
43	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
44	RHM (aa)	Foods	

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BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yield%	Gross Red. yield%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102⅝	99⅜	Treas	11¾%	1989	99⅜	..	11.5 11.282
102⅛	99	Treas	10¾%	1989	99⅛	..	10.6 11.226
102	96⅝	Exch	10%	1989	99⅛	..	10.6 11.146
101½	99⅜	Exch	10¾%	1989	99⅜	+⅛	10.2 10.279
103⅜	94⅛	Treas	11%	1989	100	..	10.6 10.557
97⅞	95⅜	Treas	9%	1989-92	95⅝	..	5.23 9.842
101⅜	94	Treas C	9¾%	1989	99⅜	..	8.56 11.247
97⅜	95⅛	Exch	9%	1989	97⅛	..	3.09 9.238
102⅜	85¾	Treas	9%	1990	99⅝	+⅛	6.1 10.251
107⅜	102⅜	Treas	12%	1990	105⅜	..	12.5 10.215
104⅜	100	Exch	11%	1990	103	..	10.6 10.189
109⅜	98⅜	Treas	12¾%	1990	103	..	10.7 10.127
93⅞	89⅝	Treas	3%	1991	93⅝	+⅛	3.58 9.531
99⅛	95⅜	Treas	9¾%	1987-90	97⅜	..	8.4 10.139
105⅛	95⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992	103⅝	..	10.6 10.198
91¼	87⅛	Treas	3%	1992	89⅜	..	3.37 9.453
105¾	98⅛	Treas C	10%	1992	103⅝	+⅛	9.6 9.828
107⅜	101¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	111⅛	..	11.4 10.166
95⅜	87⅞	Funds	5¾%	1987-91	91⅛	..	6.28 9.672
107⅜	95⅜	Exch	11¾%	1991	109⅜	..	10.7 10.188
90⅜	86⅛	Treas	3%	1991	87⅜	+⅛	3.4 9.548
99⅜	92⅜	Treas	9¾%	1991	94⅜	..	8.4 10.188
113⅜	105⅜	Treas	12¾%	1993	107⅞	..	11.8 10.088
104⅜	96⅝	Treas	11%	1992	101⅜	..	10.8 10.189
105⅜	95⅜	Treas C	10¾%	1992	101⅜	..	10.3 10.102
95⅜	85⅞	Treas	3%	1993	89⅜	..	3.88 9.357
96⅛	86⅜	Treas	3%	1994	90	..	3.33 10.073
112⅜	103⅜	Treas	12¾%	1992	109⅜	..	11.4 10.179
117⅜	108⅜	Exch	13¾%	1992	110⅜	..	12.1 10.137

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97⅜	91⅜	Treas	8¾%	1993	93⅝	..	8.8 10.051
105⅜	93⅜	Treas	10%	1993	100	..	10.0 10.027
115⅜	107⅜	Treas	12¾%	1994	113⅝	..	11.4 10.049
93	87⅜	Fund	9%	1992-94	89⅝	..	6.7 9.952
121⅜	112⅜	Treas	13¾%	1992	114⅜	+⅛	12.0 10.148
101⅜	91⅜	Treas	8¾%	1994	93⅝	+⅛	9.0 10.093
99⅜	92⅜	Treas	8¾%	1995	95⅜	..	.. ..
125⅜	115⅜	Treas	14¾%	1995	118⅝	..	12.2 10.072
118⅝	107⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	110⅝	+⅛	11.3 10.182
120⅜	105	Exch	13¾%	1994	114⅜	+⅛	11.8 10.184
93⅜	83⅜	Treas	9%	1994	90⅜	+⅛	9.3 10.000
105⅜	96	Treas	10%	1994	103⅜	+⅛	9.9 9.998
114⅜	105⅜	Treas	12%	1995	110⅜	+⅛	11.0 10.191
85⅜	78⅜	Gas	9%	1990-95	89	..	3.87 9.488
105⅝	96⅜	Exch	10¾%	1995	103⅝	..	10.1 10.041
125⅜	111	Treas	13¾%	1996	119⅜	+⅛	11.2 10.038
126⅜	116⅜	Treas	14%	1996	119⅜	+⅛	11.7 10.159
101⅛	93⅜	Treas	8¾%	1996-99	96⅜	+⅛	8.4 10.119
123⅜	112⅜	Exch	13¾%	1996	117	+⅛	11.9 10.004
105⅜	97⅜	Conv	10%	1996	100⅜	..	9.9 9.915
124⅜	115	Treas	13¾%	1997	118⅜	+⅛	11.6 9.980
108⅜	97⅜	Treas	10¾%	1997	103⅜	+⅛	10.1 9.903
99⅜	91⅜	Treas	9¾%	1997	94⅝	+⅛	9.2 9.722
134⅞	118⅜	Exch	15%	1997	128⅜	+⅛	11.6 10.168
87⅜	79⅜	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	84⅝	+⅛	6.8 9.958
104	96⅜	Exch	9¾%	1998	99⅜	+⅛	9.8 9.858
140⅜	124⅜	Treas	15¾%	1998	134	+⅛	11.5 10.068
116⅜	106⅜	Exch	12¾%	1998	113⅜	+⅛	10.6 9.950
103⅜	95⅜	Treas	9¾%	1998	98⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.934
120⅜	111⅜	Exch	12¾%	1998	115⅜	+⅛	10.6 9.918
108⅜	101⅜	Treas	10¾%	1998	104⅜	+⅛	10.0 9.913
107⅜	98⅜	Conv	10¾%	1998	103⅜	..	9.9 9.905
109⅜	98⅜	Exch	9%	2000	103⅜	+⅛	8.7 9.579
126⅜	117⅜	Conv	9%	2000	121⅜	..	10.7 9.948
99⅜	92⅜	Conv	9%	2000	96⅜	..	9.3 9.697
105⅜	98⅜	Treas	10¾%	2001	101⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.665
129⅜	120⅜	Conv	14%	1998	123⅜	..	11.4 10.117
98⅜	92⅜	Exch	9%	2002	96⅜	..	9.3 9.554
107	94⅜	Conv	10%	2002	103⅜	+⅛	9.7 9.652
118⅜	109⅜	Treas	12¾%	1999	113⅜	+⅛	10.6 9.569
105⅜	97⅜	Treas	9¾%	2002	101⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.569

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	100⅜	Treas	10%	2003	102⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.534
131⅜	122⅜	Treas	13¾%	2003	125⅜	+⅛	10.5 10.000
117⅜	108⅜	Treas	11¾%	2001	112⅜	+⅛	10.3 9.788
108	100⅜	Treas	10%	2004	104⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.471
36⅜	34⅜	Treas	3¾%	1999	35	..	0.6 9.251
104⅜	93⅜	Conv	9¾%	2006	101⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.363
104⅜	93⅜	Conv	9¾%	2005	101⅜	+⅛	9.6 9.363
113⅜	105⅜	Exch	10¾%	2006	110	+⅛	9.8 9.363
127⅜	118⅜	Treas	12¾%	2009	123⅜	+⅛	10.4 9.213
98	91⅜	Treas	9%	2008	94⅜	+⅛	9.5 9.509
106⅜	98⅜	Conv	9¾%	2006	104⅜	+⅛	9.4 9.508
121⅜	112⅜	Treas	11¾%	2003	117	+⅛	10.0 9.503
97	89⅜	Treas	8¾%	2007	94⅜	+⅛	8.9 9.509
137⅜	127⅜	Treas	13¾%	2008	132⅜	+⅛	10.4 9.529
101⅜	91⅜	Treas	9%	2008	98⅜	+⅛	9.2 9.508
111⅜	102⅜	Treas	10¾%	2009	107⅜	+⅛	10.0 9.508
101⅜	92⅜	Conv	9%	2011	100	..	9.0 9.000
99⅜	92⅜	Treas	8¾%	2009-12	97⅜	..	8.9 9.000
98⅜	92⅜	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	95⅜	..	8.2 9.000
130⅜	123⅜	Exch	12%	2013-17	126⅜	+⅛	9.5 9.107

UNDATED

44⅜	41	Consols	4%		44⅜	..	8.9
39⅜	37⅜	War Ln	3½%		39⅜	..	8.9
62⅜	48⅜	Conv	3½%		62⅜	..	5.6
33½	30⅜	Treas	2½%		33½	..	7.5
28⅜	26⅜	Consols	2½%		28⅜	+⅛	8.9
28⅜	26	Treas	2½%		27⅜	..	9.2

INDEX-LINKED

122⅜	117⅜	Treas IL	2%	1990	122⅜	..	.. ..
103	98	Treas IL	2%	1992	102⅜	..	.. ..
95¾	92⅜	Treas IL	2%	1994	94⅝	..	.. ..
139⅜	127⅜	Treas IL	2%	1996	139	..	.. ..
115⅜	103⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2001	113⅜	..	.. ..
112⅜	101⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2003	110⅜	..	.. ..
114⅜	110	Treas IL	2½%	2006	114⅜	..	.. ..
107⅜	95⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2009	107⅜	..	.. ..
111⅜	99⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2011	111⅜	..	.. ..
99⅜	92⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2016	98⅜	..	.. ..
97⅜	91⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2020	97⅜	..	.. ..
91⅜	73	Treas IL	2½%	2024	91⅜	..	.. ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
285	188	Allied Irish	264	268	..	..	..	..
215	150	Anglo Leasing	188	193	+6	4.7	3.4	10.1
90	64	Antiocher (Henry)	82	84	..	2.7	3.3	38.5
253	124	Aus New Z	252	254	+½	..	..	..
91	54	Bahlsensack	84	86	..	..	..	..
398	184	Bank of Ireland	264	269	..	..	..	..
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	17	18	..	..	..	..
368	346	Bank Scotland	345	350	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
388	334	Bank Of Scotland	345	348	..	17.6	5.1	8.8
488	388	Barclays Bk	480	482	..	37	6.3	8.5
488	388	Barclays Bank	480	482	..	37.9	6.8	10.7
38	28	Benchmark	28	31	+2	2.2	7.3	10.2
435	357	Brown Shipley	357	367	..	14.8	4.2	12.6
77	47	Bsc Mortgage	55	58	-4	..	..	..
384	316	Cater Allen	338	348	..	30.0	8.2	11.2
71	54	Cattles	64	68	..	3.7	5.7	12.2
270	175	Chancery	230	240	..	8.0	3.7	12.8
189	162	Close Mackellar	72	..	..	..	..	..
15½	9½	Closing	14½	16½	+3	0.7	3.8	16.5
200	160	Coss Bros	180	190	+3	..	..	..
78½	66	Connecticut	77½	..	+½	..	..	..
167½	114	Consolidr Bank	167½	..	+½	..	..	..
38	24	Conary & Gen	37	40	..	1.9	5.0	10.8
270	204	Cyprus Nat Finance	210	214	..	12.5	5.8	6.9
74	49	DFC	57	64	..	2.5	6.6	8.9
348	265	Desand Inv	273	288	..	24.0	8.7	15.1
136	80	Dawnay Day	80	84	..	..	..	..
286	217	Dawnay Morton	273	280	..	12.0	5.1	9.6
45	34	Eagle Star	34	36	+½	3.3	7.3	17.9
485	413	Edinburgh Ass(aa)	460	470	..	17.6	4.1	17.9
136	114	Edinburgh Inv	114	116	..	4.2	3.6	13.7
537	461	Exeter Corporate	461	465	..	17.5	3.8	11.7
5	4	Fin Techniques	4	5	..	..	..	..
287	231	Gerrard (SBC)	243	253	..	20.0	7.9	9.4
68	42	Gerrard & Nat	42	44	..	2.5	5.7	10.4
415	345	Gerrard Ltd (aa)	345	355	..	26.0	7.3	10.7
155	115	Gerrard Tech	115	118	..	4.7	3.9	12.8
144	120	Gibbs (wm)	120	130	..	6.7	5.1	9.4
456	162	Guinness Mahon	375	380	-1	32	8.8	24.5
85	48	Hambros	48	51	..	2.7	5.3	10.3
85	48	Hambro Pacific	48	51	..	2.5	4.9	10.5
482	382	Hill Samuel	382	392	..	22.0	7.0	10.3
85	48	Hoare Govett	48	51	+1	2.7	5.3	17.8
85	48	Hoare Govett	48	51	..	2.7	5.3	17.8
350	250	Ivory & Sime	250	270	+5	8.0	3.0	16.3
91	64	Jessel Toynbee	64	67	..	3.0	4.5	11.3
1	½	Jos Holdings	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'A'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'B'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'C'	½	1	..	..	..	..
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1	½	Jos Holdings 'R'	½	1	..	..	..	..
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1	½	Jos Holdings 'V'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'W'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'X'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'Y'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'Z'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'AA'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'BB'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'CC'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'DD'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'EE'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'FF'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'GG'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'HH'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'II'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'JJ'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'KK'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'LL'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'MM'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'NN'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'OO'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'PP'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'QQ'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'RR'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'SS'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'TT'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'UU'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'VV'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'WW'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'XX'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'YY'	½	1	..	..	..	..
1	½	Jos Holdings 'ZZ'	½	1	..	..	..	..

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares steady

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 3. Dealings end October 14. §Contango day October 17. Settlement day October 24. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at 4 pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	392	Allied-Lyons (aa)	467	469	..	17.3	3.8	13.7
867	734	Bass (aa)	790	793	-10	26.8	3.4	11.8
88	68	Belhaven	68	70	+2	1.8	2.6	20.7
175	127	Burtonwood	144	154	..	5.4	3.5	15.2
207	139	Buckleys	147	150	+1	4.3	2.9	18.6
195	147	Bullers (H Pl)	150	160	..	4.3	2.7	18.4
191	157	Burtonwood Brew	172	178	+1	4.2	2.4	21.5
288	232	Chet (Scotland)	283	288	..	14.7	5.2	11.7
295	230	Dewhurst (JW)	230	240	..	7.3	3.0	15.5
260	210	Devenish (Ws)	210	220	..	8.0	3.6	14.2
290	230	Greenall Whitley	230	240	..	8.0	3.3	14.2
290	230	Greene King	230	240	..	8.0	3.3	14.2
397	307	Guinness (aa)	385	387	..	13.0	3.4	14.2
770	588	Higgs & Hamson	770	780	..	25.0	3.2	14.2
130	78	Highland Dist	78	80	..	2.5	3.1	14.2
190	160	Invergordon Dist	160	170	..	5.3	3.1	21.4
445	315	Matthew Brown	315	325	..	10.0	3.1	14.2
1150	1000	Morland (Oxford)	1000	1050	..	35.0	3.3	14.2
1150	1000	Morland 'A' (aa)	1000	1050	..	35.0	3.3	14.2
1150	1000	Do 'B'	1000	1050	..	35.0	3.3	14.2
411	279	Whitbread Inv	279	281	..	9.0	3.2	14.2
494	351	Whitbread 'A' & D	351	353	..	11.3	3.2	14.2
530	345	Young 'A'	505	515	..	12.3	2.5	20.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
223	217	Abbey	220	230	..	..	..	..
483	315	Amec	317	320	+4	14.3	4.5	10.6
472	343	Anglo Sec	347	357	..	14.3	4.0	21.7
343	247	Ashtead	247	253	..	8.7	3.4	16.6
310	238	Bardon Hill	238	243	..	8.0	3.3	18.4
276	191	Barratt Dev	191	195	..	6.0	3.1	9.4
384	280	Bellway	280	285	..	9.0	3.2	9.4
318	238	Berkeley Gp	238	243	..	8.0	3.3	9.4
1½	½	Bett Bros	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'A'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'B'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'C'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'D'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'E'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'F'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'G'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'J'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'K'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'L'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'M'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'Q'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'Z'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'AA'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'BB'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'DD'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'GG'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'HH'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'II'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'JJ'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'KK'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'MM'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
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1½	½	Blackwood 'YY'	½	1½	..	..	..	..
1½	½	Blackwood 'ZZ'	½	1½	..	..	..	..

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	108	Allied Colloids	134	138	-1	3.1	2.3	15.1
577	441	Bemrose	539	558	+4	13.3	2.4	16.2
185	78	Bibby (J)	85	88	..	2.3	2.6	14.2
1185	1000	Bowater (NI)	1000	1050	..	..	..	..
1185	1000	Bowater Ord (aa)	1000	1050	..	10.5	..	..
1185	1000	Bowater Ord (aa)	1000	1050	..	10.5	..	..
1185	1000	Bowater Ord

FAMILY MONEY

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	4.00	4.04	3.23	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.75	8.03	6.42	2,500-25,000	1 mth	01-626 1567
"	9.13	9.33	7.46	2,500-25,000	6 mth	01-626 1567
Lloyds	7.88	7.88	6.30	2,500-50,000	1 mth	01-407 1000
"	8.50	8.50	6.80	2,500-50,000	6 mth	01-407 1000
Midland	8.01	8.01	6.40	10,000-no max	1 mth	01-260 2605
" "	8.61	8.61	6.48	10,000-no max	6 mth	01-260 2605
NatWest	8.50	8.50	6.80	10,000-24,000	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	8.38	8.38	6.70	10,000-24,000	6 mth	01-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	8.13	8.45	6.76	2,500-no max	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c[1]	7.63	7.85	6.28	2,500-no max	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Chq & Save[2]	6.15	6.31	5.05	500-no max	none	01 828 6543
Girobank	7.50	7.50	6.00	1,000-no max	none	051 966 2078
Lloyds HICA	7.00	7.20	5.76	1,000-no max	none	01-407 1000
Midland HICA	7.75	7.98	6.38	2,000-no max	none	—
NatWest Special Reserve	7.75	7.98	6.38	2,000-no max	none	01-726 1000
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	8.05	8.31	6.65	2,500-no max	none	031-556 8555
TSB England & Wales	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000-no max	none	01-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.50	5.50	4.40	1 min	—	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Bldg Midshires	5.56	5.56	4.52	1 min	none	—
Britannia	7.80	7.80	6.24	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	8.00	8.00	6.40	500 min	—	—
Britannia	8.60	8.60	6.88	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock	8.90	8.90	7.12	20,000 min	—	—
Best buy — all socs:						
City Metropolitan	8.50	8.50	6.80	500 min	none	—
Hendon	8.95	8.95	7.16	500 min	30 day	—
Universal	9.15	9.15	7.32	500 min	60 day	—
Hampshire	9.15	9.36	7.32	500 min	90 day	—
Hendon	9.75	9.75	7.80	3,000 min	6 mnth	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Abbey Nat Current	5.00	5.00	4.00	1 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leicester	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	5.50	5.50	4.40	500 min		balances

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NATIONAL SAVINGS					
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	3.75	3.00	1-10,000	8 day 041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.50	6.00	5-100,000	1 mth 041-649-4555
Income Bond*^	9.00	6.75	5.40	2,000-100,000	3 mth 0253 66151
Deposit Bond*^	9.00	6.75	5.40	100-100,000	3 mth 041-649-4555
34th Issue Cert*†	7.50	7.50	7.50	25-1,000	8 day 091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.50	7.50	7.50	20-200/mth	14 day 091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS					
General Portfolio	9.50	9.50	8.08	1,000 min	1 yr Figures from
New Direction Fin	8.50	8.50	7.24	1,000 min	2 yrs Chase de
Premium Life	9.00	9.00	7.65	1,000 min	3 yrs Vere call
American Life	9.25	9.25	7.85	10,000 min	4 yrs 01 404 5766
Chase de Vere	9.40	9.40	7.99	10,000 min	5 yrs for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (August 87-88)	+5.7%	Spanish Pesetas:	208.85
Bank Base Rate	12%	French Francs:	10.78
Personal Loan	19.7%	Greek Drachma:	248.00
Credit Card	18–26.8%	Italian Lire:	2357.05

*[1]All cheques/deposits must be at least £250 [2]£9 quarterly service charge [3]2.5% for balances below £500 first £70 of interest tax free *Instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less ^Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free ‡Interest taxable paid gross *10.75% from 5 Oct £2500 min every level*

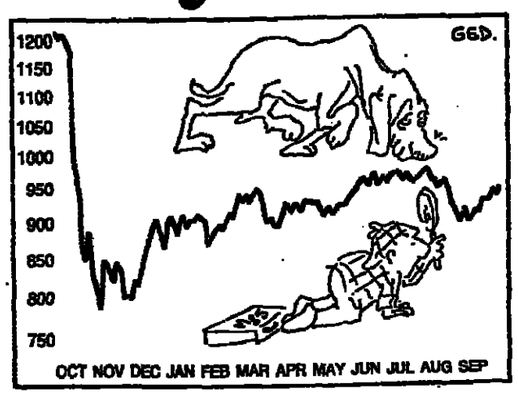
FIRST TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Bradford & Bingley 0274 568111	12.65	to 75K	100	
Chelsea 0242 521381	12.75	£60,000 max	100	
Leeds Permanent 0532 431181	12.70	to £75,000	100	
BANKS				
Anro Bank 01 638 2700	12.75	50-80K	100	Endowment loans only
INSURANCE COMPANY				
Gresham Mortgage 0202 752000	13.25	30-50K	100	Endowment loans only

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Profits that you track down

Vivien Goldsmith looks at some examples of the latest fashion in unit trusts



It is strange that the latest fashion in unit trusts seems to be index-tracking — buying all 711 shares in the FT All-Share Index or a good proportion to mirror the full range.

For fund managers to advocate buying the index is rather like fashion designers throwing away their sketch pads and pinking shears and telling customers to buy some standard issue utility garb.

But, after all, it is facing up to the fact that the average *fund manager underperforms* the index. The All-Share Index outperformed 93 per cent of all UK growth funds during the past year. In the year to September the index would have been ranked 13th out of 177 funds.

So there seems little point in paying for expensive management when a mechanical approach to investment is more likely to pay off.

These index funds, which result in a mechanical investment in the largest stocks, have long been popular with institutions responsible for huge sums of pension fund money. But until now they have been out of reach of the private investor.

Marks and Spencer's Investment *Portfolio trust* launched today splits the investment among five managers. But it gives by far the greatest portion of the trust to an index-tracking fund run by BZW, part of Barclays Bank.

M and S's finance director Keith Oates called it "a fund for all seasons", but spreading the investment thinly across different areas and different managers means that *inevitably it will not achieve* outstanding growth.

The novice investor looking *for a stable core* holding could do worse than track the index, but at least that investment should not suffer high charges.

The M and S trust charges 5.5 per cent initially and 1.5 per cent a year. That is a hefty annual charge for a fund in which more than one third of the investment will be handled mechanically to track the *index*.

Morgan Grenfell is also launching a new trust this month. This one, *Tracker*, invests solely in the FT All-Share Index.

Although many unit trusts now charge 6 per cent initially and 1.5 per cent annually, Tracker has an initial cost of 5 per cent and annual management charges of 0.5 per cent.

Tony Fraher, *managing* director of Morgan Grenfell Unit Trust Managers, says: "We are going back to fundamentals — you can't get any more fundamental than an index. It's not ritzy, it's not sexy, and it's not the Outer Mongolian *Smaller Companies* Trust. It is for the building society investor. It's a *first step into equities.*"

Cherry, a two-year-old bloodhound, will be visiting the *Money Show* later this month to promote the idea of Morgan Grenfell's Tracker to visitors.

Mr Fraher believes it is suitable as the core of an investment portfolio, taking, say, 20 to 30 per cent of the total investment, while more specialist trusts make up the rest of the mix — just the formula adopted by M and S.

Although the stocks in Tracker will mirror the FT All-Share Index, it will have 350 stocks rather than the full 711, to keep down dealing costs and avoid problems with buying into the smaller stocks.

The minimum investment is £1,000, compared with the M and S £500 minimum.

The first unit trust to track the index was launched recently by Royal Life. The UK Index Tracking Trust was aimed at pension fund managers and the like, rather than the general public. Its minimum investment of £250,000 was an effective bar to investment by individuals.

The charges here, which, of course, reflect the economies gained by taking in such huge chunks of money, are 5.25 per cent *initially, although* most managers pay nothing like this, and a nominal annual charge of 0.3 per cent.

Royal Life's marketing development manager Jonathan Gunby says a retail index-tracking fund will follow the wholesale version.

The money is handled by Banque Paribas and fully replicates the FT All-Share Index. The retail fund would benefit by having the backing of institutional money to make the fund large enough to get accurate tracking of the index.

And Mr Gunby says the charge would be much lower than normal unit trust charges because of the lack of investment input.

But there is an even lower-cost way of buying the *index* — through an investment trust.

Selective Assets Trust, which emerged from the *Ivory & Sime* stable earlier this year as part of a reorganization, has a class of shares, loan *stock*, which receives both the capital growth and the quarterly income of the *FT All-Share* Index.

The cost of buying these shares would be the normal charge levied by a stockbroker — say, 1.65 per cent with a minimum of £25. There is no question of an annual management charge, although, of course, there is an exit cost of the brokerage costs. If you invest via the Ivory & Sime savings scheme, *which will* handle lump sum investment as well as monthly savings, the *buying costs are* reduced to 0.25 per cent.

In fact, you are not actually buying the *stocks in the index*, but the promise that you will reap the gains — or losses — and income matching the index.

The shares now stand at a discount of 6.5 per cent, so you buy the index — at present 952.83 — for 87p and get effectively 95.2p worth of holdings.

The investment trust analyst Peter Walls, of Laing & Cruickshank, said: "They are probably very good value indeed for the smaller investor."

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Commodity firm rejected

The watchdog Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers (AFBD) has refused membership to the west London firm of commodity traders T&I Investments, *writes Tony Hetherington.* The firm has operated under interim authorization from the Securities and Investments Board, pending the AFBD decision.

A recent *Times* article linked the firm to Bailey McMahon, a Dublin company under investigation by the Irish authorities for its alleged *use of high-pressure telephone* sales techniques to market shares to investors in Britain.

Yesterday the AFBD said the firm had failed to answer its inquiries adequately. "They now have 14 days in which to appeal against rejection," said a spokeswoman. "At the end of 14 days, if they have not appealed they lose their interim authorization and must close down."

The AFBD declined to explain its decision, but sources close to T&I Investments said the watchdog body was concerned about the role of one of the directors, an American businessman Dan Laymon. Mr Laymon is a close business associate of Ed Markus, who was sentenced to five years' jail in 1973 for his role in the Agri Fund investment company, which swindled investors out of £3 million.

Mr Markus owns Bailey McMahon, which recently attempted to raise £500,000 through a public offering of *shares in a fledgeling British* entertainments company, MOR Music Ltd. Bailey McMahon falsely claimed that MOR Music was backed by the comedian Jimmy Tarbuck and that the shares would be quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Mr Laymon was a director of MOR Music and organized the share issue. The company is now being investigated by the Department of Trade.

Mr Laymon is also a director of a British share-dealing company, *Morgan Francis*, which has applied to join the Securities Association (TSA). The TSA declined to comment on T&I's rejection by the AFBD, but confirmed that Morgan Francis's application was still being considered.

The cost-cutters

Mortgages are becoming ever more sophisticated to lessen the burden of higher mortgage rates, *writes Vivien Goldsmith.*

This week the Halifax Building Society launched a mortgage fixed at 11.5 per cent for two years.

The Abbey has a mortgage at 11.3 per cent fixed for three years, and the Midland Bank has mortgages at 11.2 per cent fixed for three years. The catch with these is that you would normally be expected to take out a new endowment policy with the lender's tied insurance company.

UCB Home Loans Corporation has a portfolio of mortgages with reduced interest rate options to bring down monthly payments in the early years. The basic rate is 12.45 per cent fixed for five years, but payments are stepped and the underpayment at the end of the five-year period can be paid off or capitalized and added to the mortgage.

The Graduated Payment Plan starts at 8.95 per cent in the first year and rises by 0.5 percentage points a year. The Low Payment scheme starts at 9.45 per cent and rises by 1 percentage point a year.

Pall Mall Money Management has a low-start unit trust mortgage where just 70 per cent of the interest payments can be made until April 1991. The *standard rate* is 12.95 per cent — cut to 9.065 per cent initially. The unit trust used to repay the mortgage is Weisex UK Growth Trust.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.89	12.36	+0.07	::
Bear	12.31	12.86	+0.08	::
Owl	15.18	15.98	+0.09	::
Bull	13.88	14.40	-0.02	::
Stag	14.01	14.75	-0.05	::
Gilt Edged	11.52		+0.05	::
Deposit	10.94			::
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.92	14.34	+0.09	::
Bear	14.38	15.14	+0.10	::
Owl	18.57	19.55	+0.09	::
Bull	16.55	17.43	-0.03	::
Stag	16.49	17.36	-0.07	::
Gilt Edged	13.22		+0.06	::
Deposit	12.0			::
Exempt App Mixed	182.9	186.8	-0.28	::
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holcombrook Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	263.0	276.9	+0.4	::
Do Accum	390.8	400.8	+0.6	::
Equity Fund Income	114.8	120.8	+0.2	::
Do Accum	139.3	137.2	+0.9	::
Selectors Fund	293.2	308.7	+1.9	::
Money Fund	245.6	258.6	+0.3	::
Prop Pl Ser 4	280.4	318.1	-0.5	::
Equity Ser 4	133.4	140.5	+0.5	::
Man Ser 4	377.2	397.1	+0.5	::
Conv Ser 4	219.5	231.1	+0.3	::
Money Ser 4	219.2	230.8	+0.3	::
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	216.0	227.4	+1.3	::
American Ser 4	263.9	277.8	-1.3	::
High Inc Ser 4	381.7	401.8	+2.1	::
Indexed Inv Ser 4	123.5	129.9	-1.5	::
Japan Ser 4	258.3	271.9	-7.8	::
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	893.0	940.0	+7.7	::
European Fd Accum	199.8	210.2	+2.2	::
Fixed Int Acc	335.1	352.7	+0.2	::
Glbs Money Fd Acc	223.3	234.9	+0.1	::
Int Man Fd Acc	354	373.8	-1.4	::
Int Fixed Int Fd Acc	198.5	208.9	+0.4	::
Japan Fund	276.3	290.8	-10.3	::
Nth American Fd Acc	166.4	175.1	+0.2	::
Prop Fd Acc	286.9	301.9	+0.2	::
Multiple Inv Acc	613.8	646.2	+1.8	::
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28251				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	246.5	261.8	+0.3	::
Equity Accum	741.4	780.4	+0.2	::
Property Accum	445.2	468.7	+0.2	::
Far East Accum	171.1	180.2	-3.5	::
Managed Capital	342.7	360.8	-0.8	::
Do Accum	342.7	360.8	-0.8	::
Overseas Accum	650.6	516.5	-0.8	::
Gilt Edged Accum	305.4	321.5	+0.8	::
Amer Equity Accum	380.5	401.0	-1.4	::
Asian Accum	472.3	497.2	-0.7	::
Amer Prop Accum	132.2	139.2	-0.5	::
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-28 Albermarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9939				
Managed Growth	296.3	311.9	+0.01	::
Managed Income	133.5	140.5	+1.85	::
International	178.8	187.4	+1.27	::
High Income	193.4	205.7	+1.37	::
Income & Growth	269.4	283.6	+5.00	::
Basic Resource	112.7	118.7	-0.58	::
American	185.3	174.9	-1.91	::
Japan & General	441.2	464.4	+4.08	::
Special Situations	234.7	247.0	+0.83	::
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	548.1	577.0	+3.9	::
Do Initial	449.5	473.2	-2.4	::
Gilt Edged Accum	233.3	245.6	+0.7	::
Do Initial	193.0	203.2	+0.1	::
International Accum	263.6	283.8	-3.7	::
Do Initial	221.8	238.3	-3.1	::
Managed Accum	355.0	373.7	+2.4	::
Do Initial	292.3	307.7	+0.3	::
Money Accum	192.5	202.7	—	::
Do Initial	154.6	162.8	—	::
Property Accum	364.7	383.7	+0.1	::
Do Initial	216.0	227.4	—	::
America Accum	164.9	173.6	-0.4	::
Do Initial	133.5	140.5	—	::
Australia Accum	163.6	172.3	-1.7	::
Do Initial	146.6	154.4	—	::
Financial Accum	248.2	259.2	+2.4	::
Do Initial	208.3	220.4	—	::
500 Accum	295.3	310.9	+2.2	::
Do Initial	250.9	264.2	—	::
Japan &Gen Acc 2	393.7	414.5	-11.8	::
Do Initial 2	338.9	356.8	—	::
Income Accum	307.8	324.0	+2.1	::
Do Initial	259.2	272.9	—	::
Leisure Accum	353.5	372.1	-0.7	::
Special Sits Accum	149.5	157.4	+0.5	::
Univ Tech Accum	104.2	109.7	-2.4	::
Do Initial	96.8	101.9	—	::
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
Mountbatten House Chatham Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834600				
The Managed Fund	442.45		+0.39	::
Income Fund	435.1	458.0	+3.66	::
Extra Income Fund	405.5	426.8	+1.92	::
Worldwide Growth Fd	308.5	322.6	+1.39	::
Managed Fund	353.8	372.4	+0.31	::
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	531.9	559.9	-0.11	::
Int Technology Fund	309.5	324.8	+2.76	::
N Amer & Gen Fund	230.2	231.8	+1.92	::
Energy Int Fund	125.3	131.9	+4.25	::
Pacific Basin Fund	371.4	385.8	+0.95	::
German Growth Fd	105.9	111.5	+0.85	::
Japan Growth Fd	174.2	183.3	+0.52	::
The UK Gth Fd	125.6	132.1	-0.82	::
Const Euro Gth	66.42	69.92	-3.33	::
Property Fund	258.6	272.2	+22.30	::
Fixed Interest Fund	211.0	222.1	+0.68	::
Cash Fund	191.6	201.7	+0.18	::
Managed Inv Fund	278.9	293.6	+0.26	::
Nth Amer Recov	120.7	127.0	+1.89	::
CANADA LIFE				
2-8, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	161.7		—	::
Managed	188.9	209.4	-0.4	::
Property	157.8	166.2	—	::
Gilt & Fixed Int	159.3	161.4	+0.8	::

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Index-Linked	134.4	131.0	—	::
Equity	216.9	228.3	+0.3	::
Cash	153.1	161.2	+1.3	::
Midland Bk UT	214.4	226.3	-0.5	::
Midland Bk Int	216.3	227.7	-0.9	::
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	276.15		-0.02	::
Property Units	127.25		+0.02	::
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£39.26	40.49	-0.05	::
2nd Equity Accum	399.0	408.5	-1.1	::
2nd High Inc/Accum	370.9	392.5	+0.3	::
2nd Property Accum	283.8	276.3	+0.1	::
2nd Managed 2 Acc	122.6	129.7	-0.5	::
2nd Managed Acc	272.7	288.6	+1.3	::
2nd Managed 4 Acc	116.4	123.2	-0.7	::
2nd Deposit Accum	192.9	204.1	—	::
2nd Gth Accum	198.5	210.1	+0.6	::
2nd Amer Accum	224.4	237.5	+1.4	::
2nd Intl Money Ac	153.5	264.9	+0.3	::
2nd Index Accum	116.4	125.3	+1.2	::
2nd Far Eas Accum	222.9	235.9	-0.9	::
2nd Global Accum	92.7	97.5	-0.2	::
2nd Euro Accum	84.0	88.9	+0.6	::
2nd Japan Accum	148.4	157.0	-1.5	::
2nd Wrld Gth Acc	89.6	94.8	+0.6	::
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.7	96.0	-0.6	::
2nd Strat Opp Acc	97.5	103.2	+0.9	::
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Surrey House, 500, Avebury Blvd,				
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	182.7	171.3	—	::
Money Fund	244.9	257.4	+0.2	::
Managed Fund	462.1	486.5	+0.6	::
Equity Fund	350.2	368.7	+1.3	::
Fixed Interest Fund	161.9	170.5	+0.7	::
Far East Fund	228.9	241.0	-2.1	::
Nth Amer Fund	119.7	126.0	-1.5	::
Nat Resources Fund	194.2	204.5	-1.9	::
Alexandra Fund	118.5	124.8	—	::
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	159.3	167.7	+0.3	::
Equity	190.3	200.4	+0.5	::
Property	172.9	182.0	+0.6	::
Gilt & Fixed Int	130.5	137.5	+0.4	::
Indexed Secs	108.1	111.7	+1.5	::
Cash	122.5	130.9	+0.2	::
Nth American	168.0	111.6	-0.6	::
Far East	144.1	153.8	-2.3	::
International	119.9	126.3	-0.5	::
Special Sits	171.3	180.4	+1.9	::
Ind Income	167.3	176.2	+0.6	::
American Inc	108.4	112.1	-0.6	::
European	150.4	158.4	+1.1	::
Japanese	112.6	118.6	-1.9	::
SE Asia	130.4	137.3	-0.7	::
Home Inv WP Reg	96.2	103.3	+0.1	::
Home Inv WP Spec	96.2	103.3	+0.1	::
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	159.5	167.9	+1.0	::
Equity	177.3	186.7	+2.1	::
Property	159.0	167.4	+1.1	::
Gilt & Fixed Int	146.4	154.2	+1.2	::
Index Linked	110.5	116.4	+0.3	::
Cash	138.5	145.8	+0.3	::
Nth American	116.1	122.3	-0.5	::
Far East Acc	181.3	201.4	-2.9	::
International Acc	140.0	147.4	-0.9	::
Special Sits	245.9	263.1	+1.8	::
European Flex	185.9	195.7	+2.0	::
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9861				
CML U Acc/Key	168.48		—	::
CML U Acc/Pacentic	211.82		—	::
CML U Acc/Cash	139.0	146.9	+0.54	::
CML U Acc/Equity	299.9	343.4	+0.69	::
CML U Acc/Gilt	213.1	224.3	+0.31	::
CML U Acc/Mngd	249.9	263.0	+0.35	::
CML U Acc/Prop	320.8	337.7	+4.42	::
CML/Pen/Cash Cap	138.9	146.2	—	::
CML/Pen/Equity Cap	174.7	183.9	—	::
CML/Pen/Eqty Cap	753.0	792.6	—	::
CML/Pen/Eqty Inv	887.5	934.4	—	::
CML/Pens/Fxd Cap	238.3	248.8	—	::
CML/Pen/Fxd Inv	276.6	283.3	—	::
CML/Pen/Prop Cap	139.7	148.0	—	::
CML/Pen/Prop Inv	183.5	172.2	—	::
CML/Pen/Man Cap	345.9	364.1	—	::
CML/Pen/Man Inv	407.7	429.2	—	::
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Am Accum (5)	324.5		—	::
Var Am (5)	53.93		—	::
Prime- Managed	255.1	268.6	-1.0	::
Prime- UK Equity	202.9	324.3	-3.2	::
Prime- Int Equity	187.9	197.8	-5.2	::
Prime- Property	165.0	173.7	+0.7	::
Prime- Fixed Interest	159.9	168.4	-0.5	::
Prime- Index-Linked	109.5	115.3	—	::
Prime- Cash	135.0	142.2	+0.1	::
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	693.2	729.8	—	::
Equity Fund	949.8	999.8	—	::
PP Fund	229.914		—	::
CROWN FINANCIAL				
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Life Fixed Int Accum	251.2	264.4	+1.5	::
Life Equity Accum	428.8	449.2	-1.1	::
Life Money Accum	197.5	207.8	+0.2	::
Life Inv Trust Accum	438.6	462.7	+3.8	::
Life Intl Accum	358.9	348.2	-8.8	::
Life High Inc Accum	471.8	496.6	+0.7	::
Life Property Accum	217.2	228.6	-0.4	::
Crown Bnt Inv A	691.7	719.7	—	::
Recovery Equity	282.1	777.5	+0.7	::
DBS Managed	210.1	221.1	+1.7	::
Growth Account	264.5	278.4	—	::
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Measured port	96.6	102.2	+0.5	::
PerformerAdds Plan	93.2	98.5	+0.5	::
With Profit Perf	108.6	115.1	+0.1	::

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UK Opportunity	121.8	128.9	-0.8	::
Euro Opportunity	90.3	95.6	+1.7	::
North Amer Opp	85.8	90.8	-0.4	::
Far East Opp	96.1	101.7	-1.1	::
Gth Prop/Series 1	174.2	183.4	+1.2	::
Gth Prop/Series 2	133.2	141.0	-0.3	::
Fixed Int	107.6	113.9	+0.4	::
Cash	105.9	112.1	+0.2	::
Managed Pens	327.4	333.3	—	::
Overseas	85.8	90.8	+0.1	::
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Blue Chip Fund	147.0	154.8	+1.0	::
Advenaurous Fund	150.1	158.1	-1.1	::
Performance Fund	157.1	165.4	-0.4	::
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Property Fund	362.8	381.8	+0.5	::
Fixed Interest Fund	256.5	282.6	+1.2	::
Index-Linked Scs Fd	112.8	118.7	+1.3	::
Gilt Deposit Fund	185.6	195.4	-0.2	::
Nth America Fund	214.9	226.2	+1.1	::
Far East Fund	331.2	348.6	-12.3	::
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Pacific Basin	93.9	98.9	-1.7	::
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Property	133.9

FAMILY MONEY

Round one to Abbey



The rebels trying to force the Abbey National to give them an official voice to air their opposition to flotation left yesterday's meeting with the building society's chairman Sir Campbell Adamson "disappointed". Sir Campbell spelled out the reason for ruling the call for a special general meeting invalid.

The resolutions that Abbey Members Against Flotation (AMAF) wanted to put to the special general meeting instructed the board to carve out a role for AMAF to put the case against the Abbey abandoning its mutual status and becoming a quoted company — in effect a bank.

But Sir Campbell said the resolutions could not be binding on the board, and therefore the call for the meeting fell outside the rules.

Alexander Sandison, who attended the meeting with two other AMAF members, retorted: "We never intended our motions to be legally binding. We knew it was not binding. But the board are quite capable of accepting any motions if they are taking members' views seriously."

AMAF is now awaiting a written explanation of the objection prepared by the Abbey's internal lawyer, Charles Wilson, and external advisers, Slaughter & May.

"But it seems," said Mr Sandison, "having chosen this general objection, it would be extremely expensive to challenge it in the courts, and that may be our only remedy."

A barrister, David Chivers, accompanied Mr Sandison and the AMAF chairman Alec Leaver to the meeting at the Abbey's London headquarters. The meeting lasted less than an hour.

So it seems the Abbey's six million members will not after all be asked to vote on giving AMAF an official voice, and the society will avoid having to spend more than £1 million on the meeting.

Individual members of AMAF will be making sure that their message gets across at the series of 15 or 16 road shows that the Abbey will hold early in the new year.

Sir Campbell said these meetings, to explain the process of converting to a public limited company and floating shares in the Abbey, were already going beyond the society's statutory duties. Sir Campbell will attend all the meetings himself.

A letter putting the philosophical case for conversion will be sent out to members next month.

Later "impact day" will be announced. This will be the cut-off date for establishing who is and who is not classified as an Abbey member. As the Abbey is a mutual the members already own the society and the flotation should reflect this by a hand-out of shares and preferential treatment of members wanting to buy extra shares.

Those under 18 or with less than £100 in their accounts will be entitled to cash hand-outs under the draft regulations.

It may still be worth transferring money into an Abbey account to benefit from any allocation of shares or preferential treatment of share applications on a pink form.

The road shows will provide a platform for the Abbey to put its case for changing its status. This revolves around having the freedom to develop its business activities and remain competitive in an environment where building societies are rivalling the banks and the new-style mortgage lenders, which have much greater freedom to raise money on the capital markets.

AMAF believes members will lose out when there are shareholders' interests to consider.

"It would be extraordinary to suppose that AMAF will not be there in some numbers," said Sir Campbell.

AMAF is concerned that the contributions from members at the road shows will be kept brief so that they are denied the chance to put across their views. Mr Sandison said: "We would have preferred an open debate with the Abbey putting its case and us putting the case against flotation. But I don't think that will happen."

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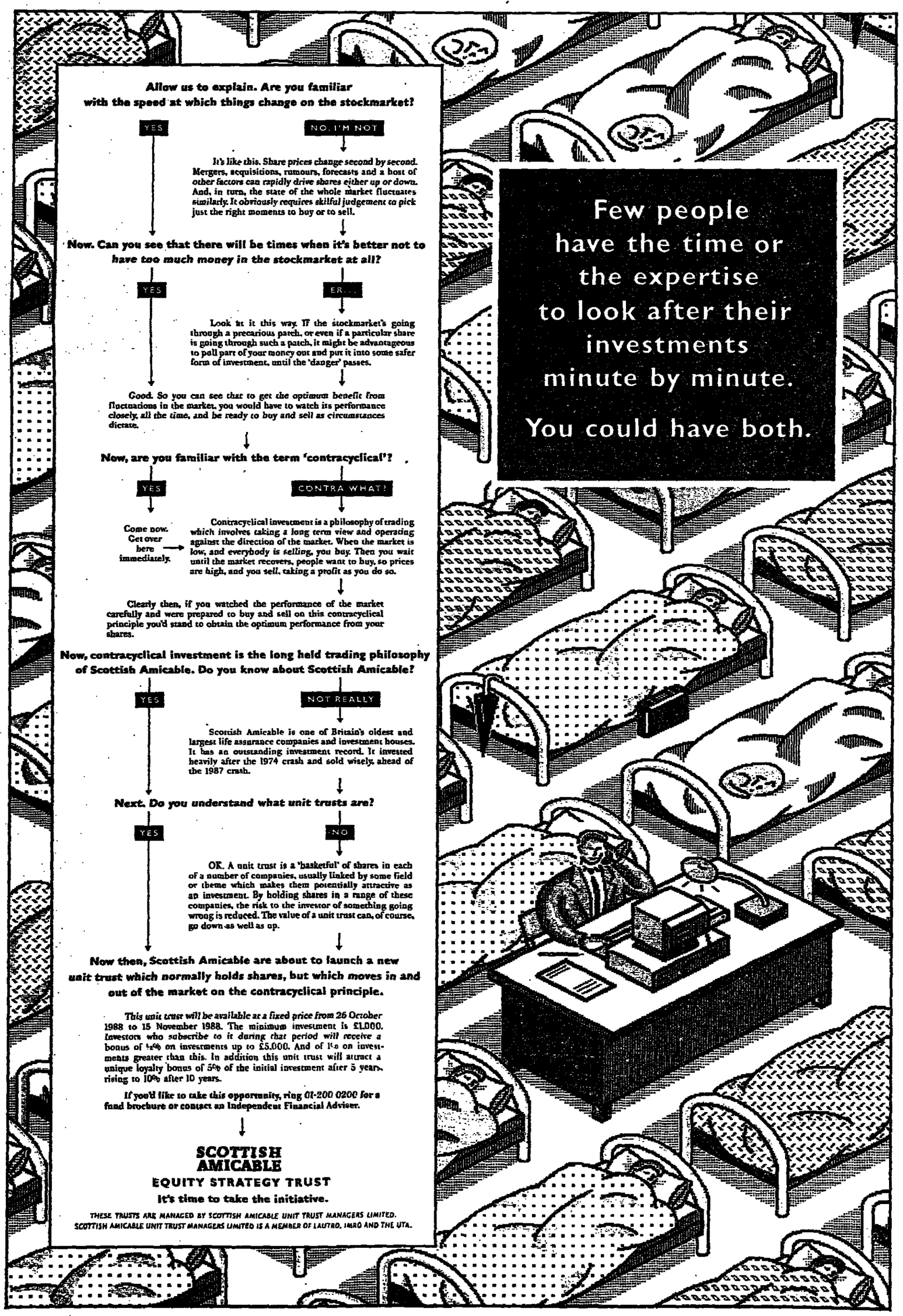
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FAMILY MONEY

First health insurer joins the scheme

■ Prime Health has become the first private health insurance company to join the Insurance Ombudsman scheme.

The scheme provides arbitration between insurers and aggrieved consumers and the Ombudsman can award up to £100,000 in compensation if he believes the company is in the wrong.

At a time when interest in private health insurance is increasing, Prime believes it has stolen the initiative from its competitors. Prime is attempting to build market share and launched schemes earlier this year offering no-claims discounts and discounts for non-smokers.

BUPA, the leading health insurer, said it had no plans to join the scheme at present. A spokeswoman said: "We are a long-established health insurance business. We believe we have an excellent internal review procedure."

PPP (Private Patients Plan) said it was considering whether it should join the Ombudsman scheme.

■ The new Insurance Ombudsman is to be Dr Julian Farrand in succession to James Haswell who retires in January. He was responsible for the Farrand reports that led to licensed conveyancers and recommended a simplification of house buying and selling.

Dr Farrand is chairman of the London and Manchester Rent Assessment Panels and the Social Security Appeal Tribunal. He believes his new job will involve "the important element of fostering confidence between the consumer and the insurance industry".



Dr Farrand: "confidence"

Journey's end

■ Insurance policies that protect drivers against the consequences of losing their licences through drinking and driving offences are on their way out.

This is a result of an inquiry into drinking and driving, which reported in April and recommended that the policies be axed. Now the insurers are negotiating with the Government over how this will be done.

However, it may still be worthwhile to start a policy. Ian Ruff, managing director of the St Christopher Motorists' Security Association, says he believes all policies in place at the time the Government makes its move will have to run at least until the end of their 12-month term. "We have a contractual obligation to these policyholders and that cannot be overturned," said Mr Ruff.

Gold Plus plus

■ The National Westminster Bank has increased the annual fee it charges on its Gold Plus Service, the upmarket credit card and banking service for people earning £25,000 a year or more.

The charge for those who pay bills by direct debit goes up from £40 to £50 and for others from £50 to £60. Gold Plus offers overdrafts of up to £10,000 at preferential rates and free banking when overdrawn.

In-forming

■ The Stock Exchange has produced a booklet called *What's the Form*, which explains how to deal with most of the forms and documents shareholders are likely to encounter as a result of their share investment. It includes information on prospectuses and application forms, contract notes and share certificates, proxy forms and the documents associated with rights issues.

The booklet costs £2 and is available from the Wider Share Ownership Unit, Public Affairs Department, The International Stock Exchange, Old Broad Street, London EC2N 1HP.

Revenue slip-up

■ The Inland Revenue has admitted that some deeds of covenant have been rejected out of hand when some of the payments should have qualified for tax relief.

The Budget clampdown on covenants does not affect those made before March 15 this year as long as they were received by the tax inspector by June 30.

Those that reached the Revenue after that date have been returned as wholly ineffective for tax purposes. However, the payments due before March 15, though not later payments, should qualify for relief.

Students or parents who believe they have a claim should contact tax inspector.



One of the leading antique map dealers Jonathan Potter, unveiled a major exhibition, "Maps of North America", in his gallery in Mayfair, central London, on Thursday, *writes Conal Gregory*. The exhibition runs until October 28.

The 50 or so maps range in price from £40, for an early 19th-century map of an individual American state, to more than £6,000. The finest is probably the superb four-sheet map of the Pacific by Henri-Abraham Chatelain and Nicholas Guedeville, above, published in Amsterdam in 1719-1732.

This map is effectively a pictorial encyclopaedia of the history of discovery in the Western hemisphere to the end of the 17th century. California is shown as an island with the rider: "Some modern authors believe it to be attached to America by its northern part."

The Jonathan Potter Gallery, at 21 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9FE, is open weekdays from 9.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

Abbey pension for today's investor

The Abbey National has launched its unit-linked personal pension plan three months after the unveiling of the much criticized deposit-based pension scheme.

The unit-linked pension will be managed by Friends' Provident, the insurance company to which the Abbey is tied.

Investors can choose either a managed fund or a with-profits fund. These pensions will have underlying investments in the equity market, whereas the deposit pension will be like a building society account that pays interest without deducting tax and cannot be raided until retirement.

The Abbey expects at least 80 per cent of its pensions clients to opt for the deposit account.

Mike Burn, head of pensions at Abbey, sees the unit-linked account as suitable for those willing to take risks and the deposit account for those who fight shy of risk.

He says: "The deposit-based pension will continue to fulfil the needs demonstrated by customers in market research for a safe, flexible and simple-to-understand retirement scheme, especially those who are without pension provision at the moment and who are young enough to secure significant advantages from government incentives to contract out of Serps."

But while equity investments have been pretty disastrous for those invested over the short term of the last year. Over the long term they consistently outperform deposit-based investment. Thus, the young in particular, who can take a long perspective on pension investment, are the very people who should opt for equity-based schemes rather than deposit schemes.

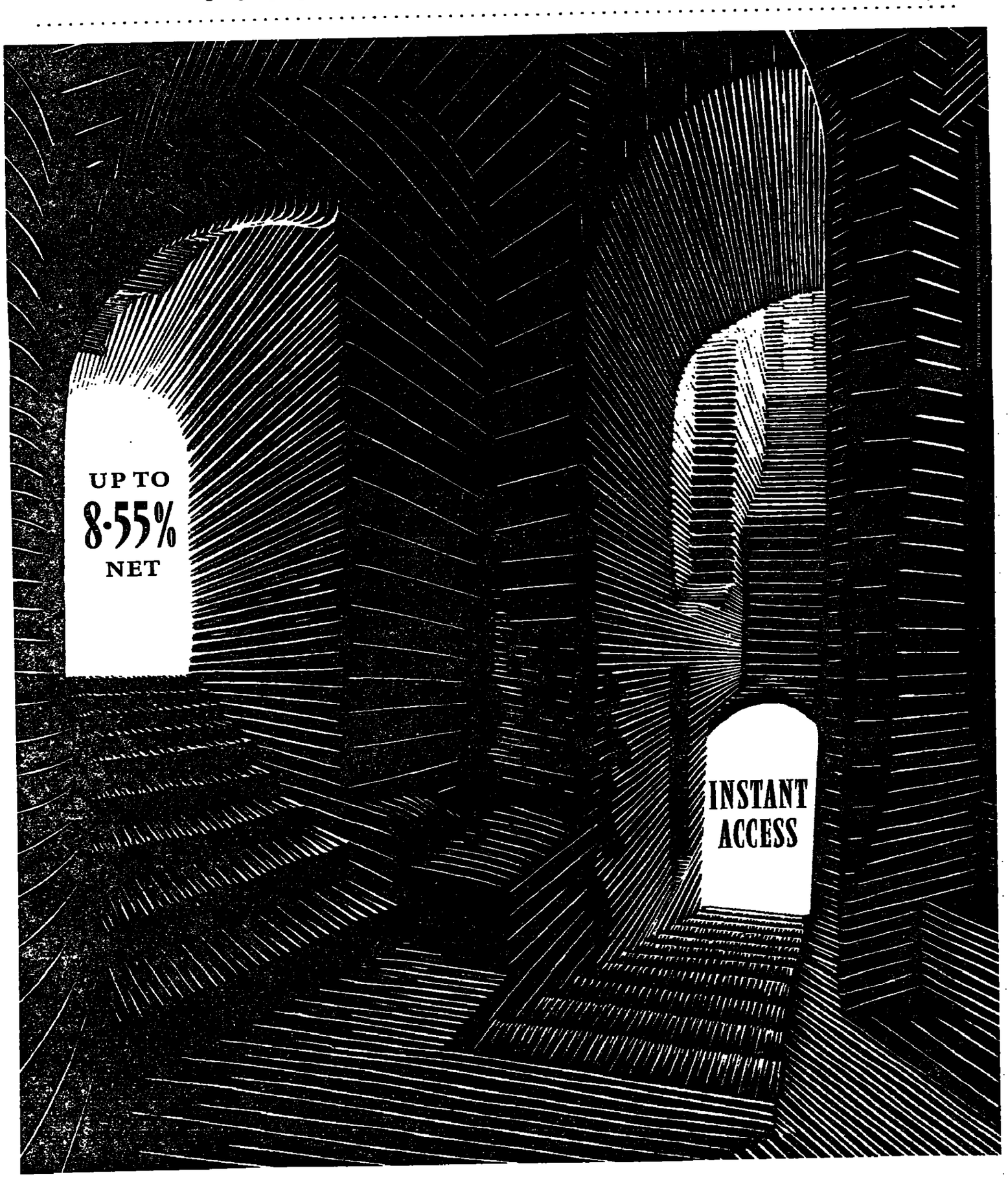
Abbey takes the view that its market is unsophisticated and feels happier with a familiar product akin to a building society deposit.

During the past year the Friends' Provident managed fund is ranked 39th out of 125 funds. It lost 9.7 per cent of its value compared with an average fall of 13.1 per cent in managed pension funds.

Other building societies that have also launched deposit-based pension schemes include the Bradford & Bingley and Bristol & West.

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FAMILY MONEY

Maria Scott reviews 12 months in the unit trust market

The new mood, one year from the crash

Only the most astute, or lucky, investors who put money into unit trusts in the bull market's last days have much to crow about one year on. The latest figures show an average loss of 23.5 per cent across nearly 1,200 trusts in the year to the beginning of October. The worst-performing trust over the year, Target Australian, will show a loss of nearly 80 per cent.

Yet poor individual performances do conceal winners. The leader, Royal Trust Preference Share, shows a 27.8 per cent gain. Target redeems itself by taking second place with its Target Preference Share, up 19.5 per cent.

Preference share trusts emerged as leaders just after the crash as investors realized the attractions of their fixed returns. Gilt trusts have the same charms and have also done well. Opal Statistics reports that of all the sectors only gilts are showing a profit on an offer-to-bid basis. The gilt growth sector is up an



Peter Edwards: more investment

average of 4.3 per cent and gilt income 1.2 per cent. Japan "just about breaks even" on an offer-to-offer basis, which does not take account of the spread between the buying and selling price.

The three main UK sectors, says Opal, show an average 24 per cent loss. Equity income trusts are down 20.4 per cent but the specialist UK sectors had bigger losses. Financial and property trusts, for example, are down 32.5 per cent.

Losses among overseas sectors are worse still: Australia is down 44.7 per cent, Europe and the Far East 28.3 per cent, and North America 24.2 per cent. "None of these sectors contain a single trust showing a profit over the past 12 months," says Opal.

The whole picture is much brighter over five years, confirming the wisdom of treating equity investment as a long-term commitment. The average gain among unit trusts over the period is 108.9 per cent on an offer-to-bid basis. The UK equity income sector now shows an average 187.1 per cent increase, denting the dominance of the Japanese sector, which showed a 181.7 per cent increase.



One-month figures, to the beginning of October, reflect recent trends. European-invested trusts were ahead by an average of 4 per cent, while their Australian counterparts were down 6.5 per cent.

Oil industry take-over rumours shunted S&P Energy Industries into first equal position with MIM Britannia French Growth.

Another energy trust, Gartmore Oil & Energy, was fourth, and European trusts take most of the other honours, reflecting a flurry of activity in European markets, fuelled partly by the realization of what 1992 will bring.

The Europeans are strongly represented among the top-performing investment trusts for September, according to Opal Statistics. Four of the top five were European — Second Market, Continental Assets, Investing in Success and German Small Companies. Second market, investing in French companies, scored the month's largest gain, increasing its share values by nearly 20 per cent, excluding dealing costs. "With doubts about the stability of the UK economy on the increase, investors are turning to Europe for intrinsic value," says Opal.

Over the longer term, the domination of Far Eastern and Japanese specialist trusts seems to have been broken. Korea Europe is the only such trust in the top 10 over a year.

The income shares of split-level trusts feature heavily among the top performers, reflecting the underpinning by income since the crash. But over five years capital shares come through strongly. New Throgmorton has reached the top 10 for its capital and income shares over that period. It specializes in UK companies now recovering.

Apart from a few good performers, the average unit trust and investment trust are continuing to give investors a rough ride. The ride will be particularly uncomfortable for those who invested before the October crash.

The short-term outlook is still uncertain and nervous investors will sleep better if they keep their money in building societies.

But advisers and fund managers believe most of those who have kept their investments are happy to hold on.

HIGH AND LOW

Top five unit trusts October 1, 1987, to October 1, 1988*

Royal Trust Preference Share	127.8
Target Preference Share	119.5
Gronbd Gilt	118.6
Astra Pref	111.4
Fidelity Gilt & Fixed Interest	111.2
Bottom five unit trusts	
MIM Britannia Australian Grth	34.2
Gartmore Australian	32.6
Waverley Australasian Gold	26.7
Henderson Gold	25.1
Target Australian	20.2

* Value of £100 on an offer-to-bid basis, with income reinvested

Source: Micropal

This view appeared to be confirmed by Gartmore's recent survey, in which more than half the 10,000 unit-holders who responded said they had no plans to alter their portfolios.

Roger Jennings, of M&G, believes many investors have decided now is the time to buy unit trusts, especially through monthly savings schemes, which drip-feed money into the markets, and through pound-cost-averaging give the investor excellent value when markets begin to lift again. M&G is selling 1,000 savings schemes a month at present — as many as before the crash.

Peter Edwards, of Premier Unit Trust Brokers, says that with every passing week new investors are putting in lump sums, unconcerned about the events of last October.

BES houses for US soldiers

A potential pitfall of the Business Expansion Scheme companies raising money to put into properties let under assured tenancies is obtaining vacant possession when five years are up and the investors want to realize their investment.

Runtree Properties is hoping to get round this in a novel way. It aims to raise up to £4 million to buy houses in East Anglia, which it intends to let to US military personnel.

The company believes that this policy will result in a high proportion of the properties being sold for 100 per cent of their true market value as US military personnel have only a fixed period of service in the UK. Finance for Runtree is being raised through a private placing.

So if you want to put your money into a BES company — but not into one of the many and unvarious assured tenancy companies — what is now available?

You can form your own BES company with a group of friends. Your stockbroker or other financial adviser may in fact have a BES scheme that he is placing privately among his clients. Or finally, you can try one of the few prospectus issues now on the market that are not of the assured tenancy variety.

Chairpower is a BES issue with an admirable aim — to produce a wheelchair called the Squirrel. This is a four-wheel-drive wheelchair for use both inside and outside the home. Three years and £600,000 have been spent developing the Squirrel.

Chairpower sees the production of the Squirrel as a commercial venture and is projecting pre-tax profits of £420,000 in the year ending December 1991.

The Squirrel's origins stem from an early design by Lord Snowdon, who is acting as a consultant to the company. Another consultant to Chairpower is Ken Jacuzzi, the son of the inventor of the Jacuzzi whirlpool bath.

Templar Group's speciality is making ride-on lawnmowers allowing you to cut the grass sitting down. It is already trading and its results for the past three years are £101,000 profit, £85,000 loss and £,1000 loss, respectively. The large loss occurred when the company withdrew from manufacturing to enable it to reconstruct its factory.

The turnover in the last year was £769,000 but the company is projecting that, with the benefit of BES finance, it will make profits of £135,000 next year, followed by £218,000 and £918,000 in the two succeeding years.

Diveships is looking for up to £5 million to buy two underwater supply vessels. The founders have injected £140,000 of their own money into the company and £1 million of the issue has been underwritten.

Dataflex Design makes modems for microcomputers. It is a bit of a mixed bag. It has won an award for producing the best-value modem while its accounts have been qualified and its most recent balance sheet shows a small deficiency.

Lawrence Lever

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Tackling the food with a plastic fork takes a little more than "imaginative aggression"

British Airways, you must be kidding us

Sir Colin Marshall's confidence in the day-to-day running of British Airways is rather misplaced (*The Times*, September 17). He says: "Thanks to an imaginative aggression and highly successful marketing campaign we were able to weather the storm much better than most of our competitors . . ."

If this is so, can he explain why when travelling to Vienna by Austrian Airlines last month I was offered a free newspaper of my choice, and free wine with my meal, as indeed were all the passengers? The cutlery for consuming the excellent meal was stainless steel. On the return flight by British Airways none of these privileges was offered, yet the fare for travelling on either airline was the same.

Furthermore, on the return journey the aircraft was 25-30 minutes later on take-off. I waited 35 minutes for my luggage to reach the carousel at Heathrow. In fact, my baggage arrived with the luggage from a following flight from Zurich!

You can kid some of the people some of the time . . .

G. CAVE,
Longway Avenue,
Whitchurch,
Bristol.

Five pension points

I can sympathize with Mr Sheath (Family Money letters, Sdptember 17), who wanted to know how the Inland Revenue limit of two-thirds of final salary would apply to a mixture of different pension arrangements. It is quite true that the basic flat rate state pension, any Serps pension, and any graduated pension do not have to be included in calculating this limit, but, with that simplification out of the way, there are five complications that do need to be mentioned:

- You may be limited to something less than two-thirds of final salary if you have "short" service with your final employer, and just to make life really difficult the definition of "short" depends on when you joined your scheme.
- New personal pensions and a very small number of company pensions are not subject to limits on the benefits that can be paid out but are subject instead to limits on the contributions that can be paid in.
- The Inland Revenue are sympathetic to those whose pay may fall towards the end of a working life. In calculating "final salary" not only can you go back to looking at years up to 13 years before retirement, but it is possible to index the pay from those earlier years in line with the retail price index up to retirement.
- Those who retire early are subject to more restrictive limits unless the reason for early retirement is extreme ill health. However, the Inland Revenue are currently considering whether some relaxation may be appropriate for some cases of early retirement.
- Despite all the complications, it is rare to reach retirement with a pool of pension money that would infringe Inland Revenue limits. One reason for this is that the size of the pool should be monitored in the years before retirement and, if necessary, the amounts paid into the pool can be cut back. The other reason is that excess money can often be used up in providing increases for dependants and post-retirement increases — subject in both cases to Inland Revenue limits which apply to those features.

MIKE BROWN,
Chief executive,
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Freeze the allowances

Tinkering about with the bank rate is having only limited success in solving balance of payments problems. So long as the Treasury refuses to admit that the main cause of the difficulty is the condoning of tax breaks, the problems will continue. One of the foremost is the curious system of personal tax allowances, which the projected 1990 measures will not only perpetuate but exacerbate.

The existing "tax gift" to earning wives of over £650 annually represents a serious breach in the anti-inflation dyke.

The combined married man's/earning wife's allowance for both-earning couples should be frozen at their present total (£6,700). If it is all right to freeze Child Benefit, it is all right to freeze illogical allowances. Allowances received in isolation would continue to increase, and when the aforesaid frozen total was equalled by two single allowances, we could move to a system of equal, transferable allowances between husband and wife. This would produce three beneficial results:

1. Expenditure on imported luxuries would be progressively reduced.
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Kiga chief wanted by Scotland Yard

Scotland Yard has ordered the arrest of Michael Mills, managing director of Kiga Industries plc, a food-processing company that tried to go public last October with a share offering worth more than £3 million, *writes Tony Hetherington.*

As *The Times* warned then, there were allegations that the company's prospectus was seriously flawed:

- Kiga appeared to be involved in a take-over bid not mentioned in the prospectus.
- A brochure accompanying the prospectus falsely claimed Kiga had sold a revolutionary £500,000 food-processing machine to a large food company in Scotland.
- The machine's inventor, claimed photographs in the prospectus were fakes.

This week Detective Chief Inspector Norman Good, of the Fraud Squad, said Mr Mills, a British civil engineer now living in Canada, was wanted to face charges under the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act, punishable on conviction by up to seven years' jail.

"Basically, we found there was prima facie evidence of issuing a false or misleading prospectus," he said. He confirmed that evidence had been obtained showing Kiga's claim to have sold one of its newly invented machines was itself an invention. The machine was said to be able to preserve food for two years with techniques similar to those used for long-life milk.

This week Mr Mills blamed Wayne Krecklewich, the Canadian owner of a company called Medatlantic Investment. Mr Mills said he was not responsible for the pamphlet accompanying the prospectus that claimed Kiga had already sold the machine to a prestigious buyer.

"Financially, I have been hurt very, very badly," he said. "It cost me personally $1.75 million, and there's another $300,000 to go." Mr Mills says he is unlikely to enter the UK until the charge is "cleared up".

The share offering was organized by Medatlantic and Griffin Hayhurst Investments, linked companies with offices in Gibraltar and Marbella. Medatlantic is now being run from Andorra by a former Griffin Hayhurst salesman, Gerry Sheppard. Griffin Hayhurst, after recently selling millions of dollars' worth of shares in a phoney running shoe company called Kinesis, appears to have wound up. Clients have been passed on to a newly launched Swiss investment business called Financial Asset Management.

Investors tackle Tories

Members of the Barlow Clowes Investors Group will hand out leaflets at next week's Conservative Party conference urging the Government to make an *ex gratia* payment to investors. The leaflet, *9 Years of Conservative Achievement at Stake*, says: "Conservative policy, rightly, seeks to encourage a high level of private investment. However, that policy carries with it political, economic and moral obligations, which it would be wrong to ignore."

The group chairman John Dyer said: "We are disappointed that the Department of Trade and Industry has been sitting on the report for a month now since it was handed to them. . . We deplore this agonizing and unnecessary delay."

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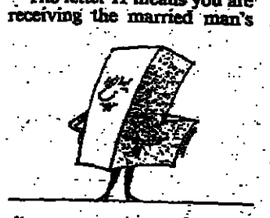
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Unravelling the code

People often allow worries about the the size of the tax deductions from their salaries to nag away like mild toothache for years. Yet it takes only a telephone call to the accounts department or to your PAYE tax office to settle any suspicions.

The tax codes, taking the form of three figures followed by a letter, show the allowances the office gives you. The letters *L* and *H* are the standard pair. L means the office is giving the single person's allowance or the married women's working allowance, both of which are £2,605 in the 1988-89 tax year.

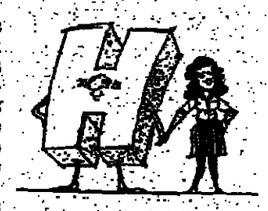
The letter H means you are receiving the married man's



allowance, or you get the same allowances because you are bringing up a child on your own. P and V apply to single and married people over 65, receiving some or all of the extra "age allowance".

If you want to keep your age — or the fact of being a single parent — to yourself, you can ask for a T code. That may imply you have something to hide but at least does not say what it is.

The three numbers in front of the letter indicate the size of the allowances against your tax bill over the year. Just add a nought at the end to see exactly what the tax office has given you. If you are a married man with no more than the basic married man's allowance, there should be the



code 409H — indicating that you tax allowances come to £4,090 in the present tax year.

The allowances almost always change in the Budget, because the Chancellor usually has to raise them in line with the previous year's inflation. Codes are automatically adjusted on April 6 — the start of a new financial year — so you get the benefit of the changes immediately, at least on the standard code.

But the figures are not going to be dramatic as allowances always look larger than they are. They may be the first swathe of tax-free income you receive, but the allowance is effectively worth only the tax you would have paid on it.

With basic rate tax standing at 25 per cent, the real value of the married man's allowances of £4,095 in the 1988-89 tax year is only £1,023.75. If you are paid monthly only one-twelfth of the allowance goes against your salary, month by month.

What happens if you change jobs during the year? Your old employer has to present you with a P45, which should show your new employer your code, how much tax you have already paid in the year and so on. Guard the form carefully.



Tax offices issue one P45, and do not produce duplicates. If you appear without it, or are starting a job for the first time, the system will put you on to emergency coding, by which you receive the basic single person's allowance and nothing more until the tax office has worked out the right figures.

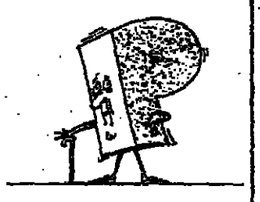
In the past far more tax allowances appeared in your coding. Family Allowances, which used to reduce father's tax bills, have been replaced by Child Benefit paid directly to mothers. Mortgage tax relief, at least at basic rate, comes direct in the form of a lower mortgage bill month by month, at least if you have a



loan of less than £30,000 — and in most cases for higher loans too.

Mistakes over mortgages provide the standard errors on codings. Tax offices can assume you are getting relief directly, when it is actually coming through the tax system, or fail to adjust the figures for any tax relief at the higher rate. If you have any doubts, it makes sense to take them up with your employers or their tax office.

Certainly the Inland Revenue cannot make any change in your tax coding without sending you formal notification. But if you miss that, or fail to mention a divorce, the



mistakes can roll on unnoticed for years. Tax offices may send out formal tax returns to people who come under PAYE, but only once in five years or thereabouts, so chances to spot them are few and far between.

The whole pattern of taxing husbands and wives is due to change in 1990. At that point, both partners will have their own individual allowances, which will be only partly transferable but may produce a change in the codes themselves. However, the system itself looks set to last indefinitely.

● Higher-rate taxpayers with bank or building society accounts where interest is paid net of basic-rate tax — leaving a liability for the difference between basic-rate and higher-rate tax — have until the end of the month to return their tax forms. Capital gains of more than £6,600 for the tax year to April 5 also have to be reported by that date as both the liability for higher-rate income tax and Capital Gains Tax become liable for payment on December 1. The Revenue says it needs the returns by the end of October to draw up assessments by the due date for payment. Late payers will be charged interest at 10.75 per cent on the outstanding tax.

Tom Tickell

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The debtor students

The Government's desire to replace grants by loans has already been anticipated by many students.

A survey commissioned by the Government earlier this year in the run-up to the expected White Paper on student financing revealed that the banks were already operating a significant loan support system. Half the 1,872 students in the survey expected to have loans outstanding after graduation.

The average loan was around £341 although 5 per cent had run up debts of more than £500. Of those surveyed, 59 per cent had to resort to holiday jobs to augment their incomes.

A switch from grants to loans would free many students from depending on often unreliable parental contributions to top up their grants. The Higher Education Minister Robert Jackson has put the number of students who do not receive their parental contribution in full at 35 per cent.

At Nottingham University, the students' union president Hugh Bettesworth said he found many parents made sacrifices to keep up their contributions. He feels the earnings level at which parents are expected to make a contribution starts too low.

At Oxford University, where a higher than average number depend on parental contributions, some students in a survey this spring reported that their parental contribution fell short by more than £500.

The survey revealed that 82 per cent of the 500 students interviewed depended on the means-tested contributions and 19 per cent did not receive the full amount. Asked by how much it fell short last year, 14 per cent were less than £50 down, 19 per cent between £80 and £100, 19 per cent between £100 and £200, 26 per cent between £200 and £400, and 22 per cent more than £500.

Nick Stanton, the Oxford students' union welfare officer, said the financial problem will get worse, particularly for those who look to their parents to top up their grants.

The Government has scrapped the covenanting system by which parents claimed tax relief on their contribution. To make up for the ending of tax relief, Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, announced that the level of parental contributions would be reduced and grants increased for those students starting their courses this autumn. All covenants made by parents before the last Budget will continue for the full duration.

Additional factors will make life tougher financially for students — the cutting-back of "social security rights", Housing Benefit in particular, that could be claimed by students in university-owned accommodation. In 1986-87 an extra £85 million was paid in social security benefits to students in England and Wales in addition to the £472 million in grants.

"One change which has received no publicity is the effect which the deregulation of rents will have when it is implemented," said Mr Stanton. "In Oxford, where the current rent for a room is £35 a week, the rent is likely to go up to £40 or £45 a week."

The help that could be offered to students in financial straits, he added, was "practically nothing". Most survived on loans. He said the "golden hello" had made its appearance — employers seeking graduates promised to pay off their loans if they joined their companies.

The level of student grants is £1,630 for those living at home, £2,425 for those in London, and £2,050 for those outside London.

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Nick Stanton: pessimistic

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FAMILY MONEY



Memories of the storm

Like President Kennedy's death, the hurricane that hit southern Britain in the early hours of October 16, 1987, is fast achieving mythical status among those of us who lived through it. Just as all people over the age of 40 can remember what they were doing the night Kennedy was shot, everyone over the age of five has a hurricane tale to tell.

And it's not over yet. The insurance companies are still handling hundreds of storm damage claims every week, while the work of restoring our parks and gardens to their former glory is only just beginning. Compared with the human misery and suffering unleashed by Hurricane Gilbert as it cut through the Caribbean, our storm was just a temporary blip on the weather chart. But for our insurers it was one of the biggest disasters ever.

The insurers think the bill will reach £1.8 billion. Hurricane Gilbert, which did its damage in one of the world's poorest, and therefore underinsured, regions, is unlikely to cost the world's insurers much more than £500 million.

Insurance does not pay for everything, even in this country. Historic collections of trees and fine gardens cannot be insured. The National Trust lost count of the number of trees it lost. National Trust officials think it may be around half a million, and the charity has raised £1.5 million specifically for replanting.

The Government, through the Countryside Commission, the Forestry Commission and English Heritage, is putting up just over £9 million in grant aid for replacing trees and restoring damage to parks and historic gardens.

ANTHEA MASSEY looks at what has happened in the past year.

● The night that toppled Britain, pages 33-34

The wind of change

Insurance policies are not anyone's idea of a good bedtime read, and most of us have not the faintest idea what the small print contains.

It took a hurricane to change all that. On that morning of October 16 millions of people became instant experts on insurance.

The insurance companies took a pragmatic view. The normal procedure of loss assessors and estimates was put aside. The public were told: "Don't panic, get the work done, and send us the bill."

But it did not stop the arguments, and it did not stop the misunderstandings.

Many people were horrified to find their fences and gates were not covered.

When you stop to think about it, fences and gates are clearly difficult to insure. They are rarely kept in good repair, and are extremely vulnerable to wind damage. No insurer wants to pay up every time a home-owner wants a new fence.

Building insurance obviously covers damage to buildings, and this includes damage caused by falling trees. Some policies specifically mention falling trees. Others do not, and some people thought they were not covered. They soon discovered they had nothing to worry about.

Strictly speaking, the policy covers only the damage caused by falling trees. It does not cover tree clearance. Most insurers took the view that the damage could not be repaired until the offending tree was removed and allowed claims for tree clearance.

Some people thought that if their house was damaged by flying debris from a neighbour's house or a next-door tree, then the neighbour should pick up the bill for repairing the damage.

In fact, you can do this only if you can prove your neighbour was negligent. You have a case if the offending tree was rotten, or your neighbour's roof was in poor shape before the storm. But as negligence is hard to prove, it is usually easier to claim on your own buildings insurance.

The insurance companies say under-insurance was not a big problem. Most people take out building insurance through their bank or building society with their mortgage. And so long as the house is insured correctly at the outset, the practice of indexing the sum insured, to cover increases in building costs, takes care of the rest.

However, those who were under-insured often had their claims scaled down, even if the bills came to less than the sum insured.

This is the practice known as "averaging", and although there is no specific averaging clause in buildings insurance as there is in a house contents policy, insurers still extracted a penalty for under-insurance.

Others became involved in arguments over what is known in the trade as "betterment". Buildings insurance covers you for restoring property to the state it was in before it was damaged. It is not an opportunity to get your insurance company to pay for improving your house.

There has been no escaping this hurricane. Even if you live in Scotland and the North and missed the worst of the hurricane's fury, you are now being hit by higher insurance premiums to pay. Most of the big insurance companies — and these are the companies with which most of the banks and building societies do business — have increased their premiums on buildings insurance from £1.80 to £2 for every £1,000 insured.

There are cheaper policies and, if you are insured through your mortgage lender, you do have the right to go elsewhere. If you have a house built after 1920, Zurich can insure you for £1.40 for every £1,000 insured. Or you could try the insurance brokers Keyquote, which have a special deal with Economic.

If you have not made a claim for two years, the rate is £1.44 for every £1,000 insured, and there is a £50 excess.

If you do decide to change and your bank or building society objects or tries to extract a fee, the Office of Fair Trading would like to hear from you.

A YEAR ON, and the Guardian Royal Exchange is still getting 100 claims a week. It has been a testing time for Britain's insurers. Some have suffered more than others, all have come through the ordeal and live to tell the tale.

Of the big companies, the two most heavily hit were Sun Alliance and Royal. Both do a large proportion of their business in the UK, so they were particularly vulnerable.

Insurance companies can choose to carry a certain category of risk themselves or sell all or part of it to a specialist insurance wholesaler, known as a reinsurer. Sun Alliance, with no reinsurance, was particularly exposed as the table indicates.

The suspension of the normal rules governing insurance claims spelled big problems for the insurers.

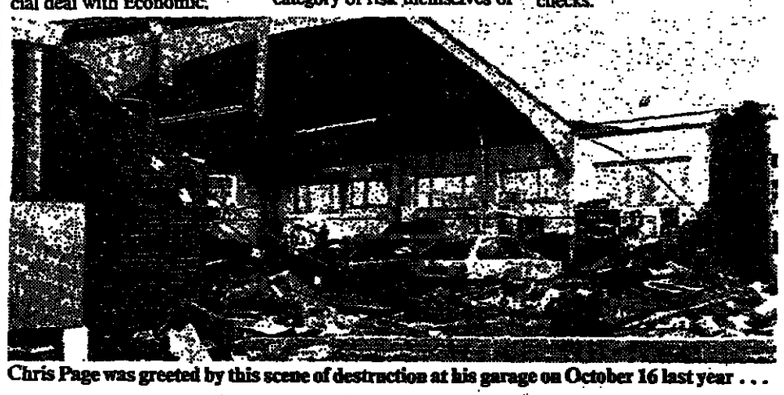
Roger Rees, Sun Alliance's assistant household claims manager, says there were many examples of people stretching their claims.

"Some of our policyholders thought they had the right to a new roof at our expense," he said. "Others saw a chance to replace already rotten guttering, or a leaky flat roof. And sad to say, much of it was done with the connivance of the building trade.

"Sun Alliance relied on the skill of their claims handlers to spot the dodgy invoices. Other companies, like GRE, instituted a system of spot checks."

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Company	Cost of claims (£m)	Net of reinsurance (£m)
Commercial Union	90	15
Eagle Star	60	19
GRE	65	35
General Accident	60	30
Legal & General	n/a	42
Norwich Union	43	n/a
Prudential	43	10
Royal	123	115
Sun Alliance	150	150



Chris Page was greeted by this scene of destruction at his garage on October 16 last year . . .

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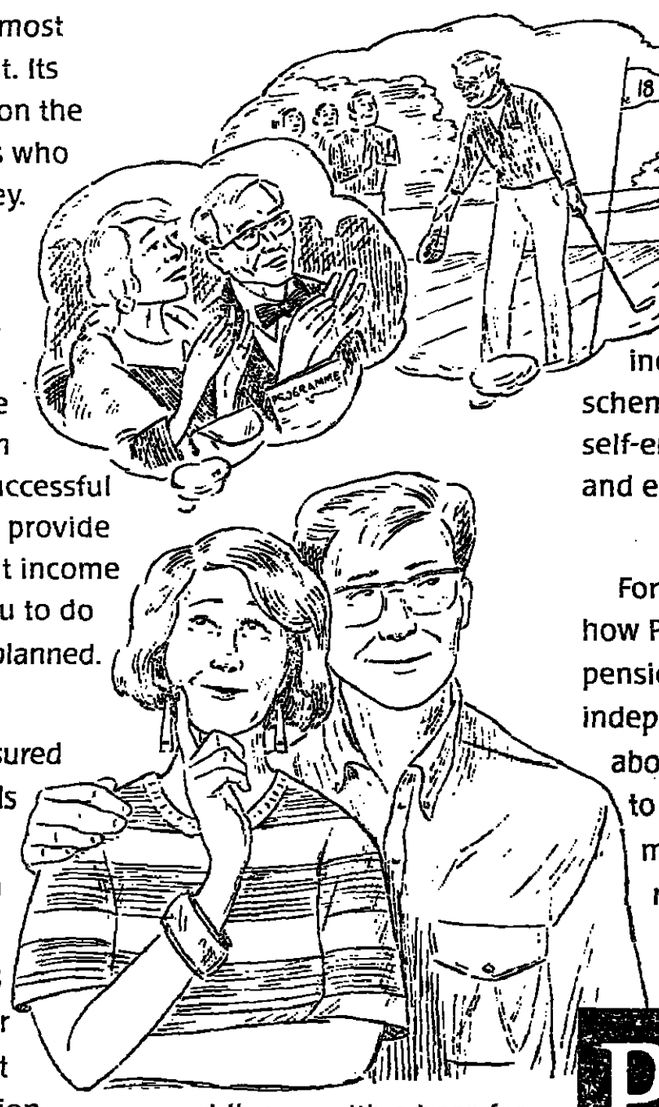
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FAMILY MONEY

Disaster, but no fuss

Richard and Jean Hill will always be grateful that it did not snow last winter. This was the winter that will go down in the family annals as the one when they did not have a roof. In fact, all they had between them and the elements was a sheet of rather flimsy plastic.

Mr Hill says he imagined a visit to the third floor of their house was much like being on the deck of one of those Atlantic sailing boats in a force 10 gale.

Mr and Mrs Hill live on the Thames estuary as it meets the sea at Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Their house is high up with one of those endless views of sea and marshes. On the night of October 15-16 the house and the storm met head-on and the house was the loser. More than half the roof tiles flew off and a chimney stack, while still standing, was badly damaged.



After the wrecking and after the repairing: The Hills' house, left, was storm-ravaged but has been restored without hassle

The house is a fine three-storey Edwardian house of distinctive design. The roof was covered in hand-made clay tiles, which had weathered to a deep brown. Mr Hill was reluctant to put on new tiles while hand-made tiles cost the earth, and anyway the colour would not have matched. In the end Mr Hill solved the problem when he bought the tiles off his neighbour's roof. The insurers, Legal & General, did not bat an eyelid at this rather unconventional approach. Nor did they argue when the Hills' roofer advised them to strip the roof and replace the felt and battens. Mr Hill was preparing himself for a battle over the question of betterment, but Legal & General picked up the £10,000 bill without a fuss. Almost a year later, the bedroom the Hills evacuated on that night of the flying tiles is finally redecorated and ready for occupation.

The garage man goes into battle

Chris Page owns a garage at Staplehurst, Kent.

The October hurricane swept through his workshop, destroying everything in its wake — cars, machinery, the building itself.

The scene that greeted Mr Page the next morning was one of sheer devastation. The business he had nurtured so carefully was little more than a pile of rubble.

A year later, he says he is lucky to be in business, and he is still arguing with his insurance company as to how much money it owes him for loss of profit.

"If our bank hadn't stood by us and lent us a substantial sum of money, there is no doubt we would have gone bust," he says.

Mr Page's insurers, General Accident, paid the bills for repairing the damaged cars and replacing the broken machinery without a fight. Getting the workshop rebuilt proved more difficult.

General Accident brought in a loss adjuster the day after the storm. He originally said the building would have to be demolished and rebuilt, a claim which was subsequently denied.

The workshop has now been repaired at a cost of £30,000, but the delays and arguments meant the work was not completed until June, nine months after the storm.

But Mr Page's real squabble with General Accident is over its interpretation of the policy for loss of profit.

Mr Page says: "My insurers advised me to find alternative premises in order to minimize my losses. They even told me not to worry about taking on a long lease if I had to, because they would help me get out of it at a later date.

"In fact, we found premises on an industrial estate just up the road. As it turned out we didn't have to sign a long lease, but the rent was expensive, which put an additional burden on the business.

"If I had known then what I know now, I probably would not have done it. In fact, we would have done much better if we had laid our people off and put the business on hold for six months.

"Six weeks after the storm, we were greeted with the devastating news that we weren't fully insured on our loss of profit policy, and that whatever figure was finally agreed, we would only get 55 per cent of it."

Mr Page says the proposal form was filled in incorrectly by an insurance broker whom he had called in to advise him.

Mr Page feels with some justice that as most of his losses came about as a result of action urged on him by General Accident, the company should not penalize him for someone else's lack of professionalism.

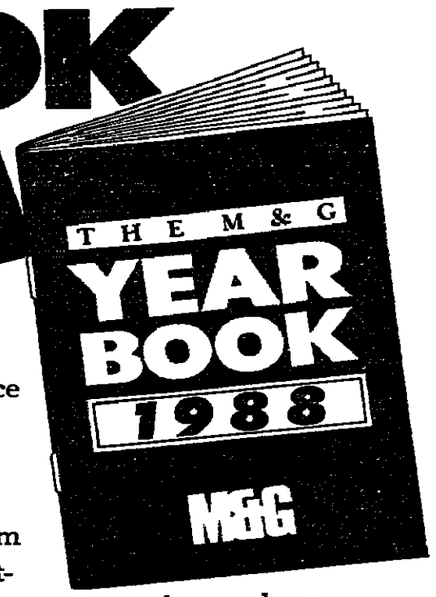
Meanwhile, General Accident has already extracted its pound of flesh. Mr Page's insurance premium rose from £4,200 to £11,500 when it came up for renewal in June.



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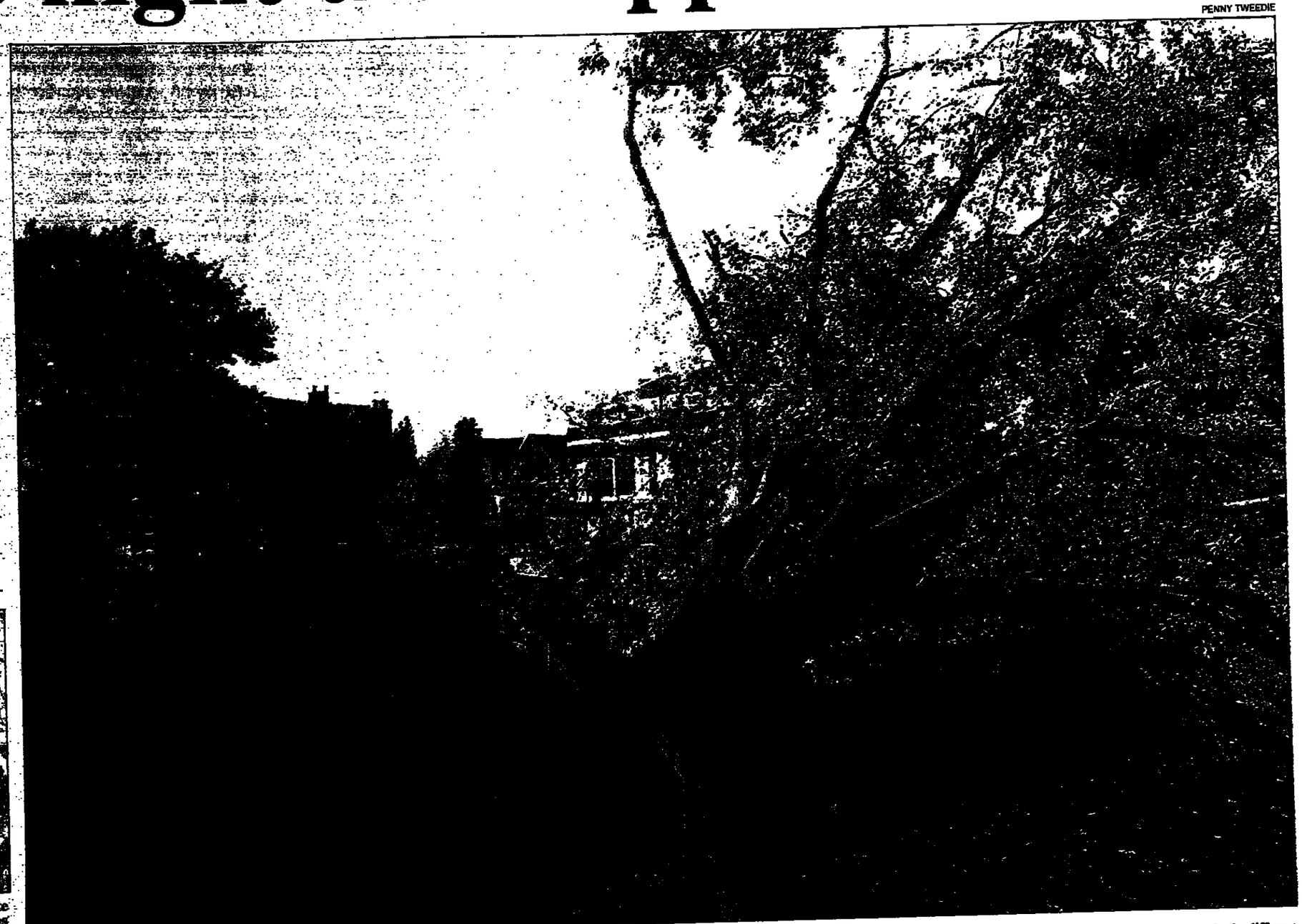
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The night that toppled Britain

PENNY TWEEDIE



On the morning of Friday, October 16 last year, much of southern Britain awoke to the havoc caused by the storm of the century. After 12 months of repair, George Hill asks what lessons have been learnt



The morning after: a satellite view of the storm as it sweeps away towards the Continent

Almost a year after the great storm of 1987, the former flat of David and Christine Wood on the thirteenth floor of Sirinham Point, an 18-storey block in Lambeth, still stands out as a patch of raw plywood in the soaring acres of brick and glass. The windows and external walls of the flat were torn away by the blast which uprooted the woodlands of southern England, while the Woods were asleep.

"Suddenly 50 per cent of the outside wall of our bedroom disappeared, leaving bloody great gaping holes," says Wood, a 40-year-old civil servant. "My wife started screaming. It was one of the most horrendous experiences anyone could have had without actually dying."

The couple hastily pulled on their clothes and fled from the block. The lighting failed as they ran downstairs, but none of the other tenants seemed to have been wakened by the crash. They took shelter in the local police station, Christine Wood so badly shocked that she was later taken to hospital.

When daylight came, David Wood ventured back — rather boldly, for the wind was still so strong that he had a struggle to get up the steps of the block, which were littered with glass and smashed furniture from his flat 100 feet overhead. He began taking the clothes they would need out of his wardrobe, and putting them into bags.

"I was taking some bags out into the corridor when there was another crash in the flat. Just where I'd been standing in the kitchen the window had been sucked out, and the coats and so on I'd left in the hall had gone with it. If I'd still been there, I might have gone too."

Eventually, at about 9am, the police appeared and began to evacuate the tower. The Woods went to stay with relations until the council rehoused them in a low-level block about three weeks later. "We never want to see a high-rise block again, let alone live in one. We still feel the after-effects, even now. We get depressed, and I feel that a lot of aggressive behaviour has come into my personality since that date," David Wood says.

For Lambeth council, too, the story is one that has not yet finished, even after so many months. Sirinham Point was evacuated while a survey of the damage was made, and the upper 10 floors remained empty for many months.

The survey showed that metal ties between the skins of the cavity walling, called for in the design, had been missing in the Woods' flat. Costly ultrasonic tests showed that ties were missing in five other flats in the 13-year-old block. Many window-frames had been shaken loose by the gale, and had to be replaced.

The cost to the council of putting these defects right, and the loss of rental income from the evacuated flats, has already been £240,000. It will be months before the wrecked flat is repaired — a job which will add about £14,000 to the bill the ratepayers will have to face.

The story of the Woods is one of the most dramatic of hundreds of stories of families violently shaken out of sleep on the night of October 15 by the crashing of trees or the roar of collapsing masonry. As they looked round in bewilderment at the ravaged landscape the following morning, many families must have wondered whether their lives would ever be the same again.

Some of them had spent the night half-suspecting that such an extraordinary visitation might portend the Last Judgement, or a nuclear war. For a few individuals, crushed by falling chimneys or by trees on the road, it was the last night of their lives.

The scars of that night are beginning to fade now, almost a year afterwards. The casual eye might easily miss the marks of the catastrophe in many areas of parks and woods which, on the morning after, reminded observers of the battlefields of the First World War. In city streets, paving stones flung apart by toppling plane trees have been relaid long ago.

Visitors strolling in Kew Gardens (where 500 trees were lost and the job of seeking and propagating successors for them will take decades) might be forgiven for wondering what all the fuss had been about, unless they happen to come on one unfrequented walk, which is lined for hundreds of yards with stacked logs, many of which still have nailed to their bark the tags they bore in life, identifying them by their Latin names.

Out in the woodlands of the Weald it is easy to find former woods which are now just fields of lopsided stumps, luxuriantly colonized by willowherb and blackberries. It is curious to see picnickers composedly grazing in the midst of the ruins.

On much private land, there has not even been a start to clearance. Not long ago I found a public footpath on private property still blocked with about 30 fallen trees in 100 yards. But most rights of way are clear, and all along the crest of Sevenoaks Weald one can see young saplings growing in their thousands, in protective plastic cylinders which make it appear that the woods have been planted with neon tubes as far as the eye can see.

"Several hundred thousand trees have been planted already," says Michael Carroll, of Task Force Trees, which distributes government assistance to replanting. "The latest instalment of funds is oversubscribed, as the last one was. It is becoming apparent that in many places we have to think in terms of five or 10-year replanting programmes."

Almost all the homes that were rendered uninhabitable by the gale are now repaired and occupied again. Most of the dismayed families I spoke to in the weeks after the event, and their children, seem now to have put it behind them successfully. The Woods remain shaken, but they appear to be an exception. Because no one can be blamed for the main impact of what happened, there is little sign of the sort of deep emotional scarring left behind by the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster.

Major buildings are a bigger job to repair, but progress has been good, even where the outlook seemed black. I would not have given much for the chances of the 93-year-old Shanklin Pier in the Isle of Wight, which had its whole middle section swept away. But a rebuilding scheme is in train, and should be complete in two years. The future of Brighton West Pier, which had a section so badly damaged that it had to be dismantled, is more problematical.

The windmill Jill, which caught fire at the height of the gale and blazed like a beacon on top of the downs above Brighton, should be grinding corn again by next summer. The Brighton Pavilion, which suffered about £200,000-worth of damage when a two-ton pinnacle fell through its preposterous roof, is almost fully repaired, though nothing can bring back the irreplaceable elms which once surrounded it.

The political outcry over the method chosen by the Government for channelling aid to councils and landowners has largely died down after several judicious relaxations of the hard line originally laid down by Nicholas Ridley, the environment secretary.

It was predicted that for some councils like the London Borough of Barnet, government aid towards the cost of the emergency might actually be less than government penalties for the unexpected spending they had had to make because of it. The complexities of local finance are so great that even now Barnet seems to have no idea whether it is a net loser or not.

Subsequent disasters, and graver ones in terms of loss of life, have moved into the forefront of the continuing debate over the adequacy of our emergency services to cope with sudden, large-scale events.

In the same way, a series of tragic and far more destructive meteorological events in other parts of the world have become more prominent exhibits in the growing mass of evidence confirming the theory that the world's climate is in the process of changing. If so, it would create a profound challenge to human society — and our own impact upon the environment would be partly to blame.

Hurricane Gilbert, the floods in Bangladesh and the drought in the Sudan may all be warnings of a destabilization associated with carbon dioxide emissions, creating a "greenhouse effect" which some meteorologists predict may lead to a growth of deserts in tropical zones and a stormier climate in temperate latitudes.

One storm is no evidence by itself, and even a whole season of wild weather would not prove the existence of a lasting change in weather patterns. But there is some evidence that last October's storms were a peak in a pattern of windier, wetter weather that can be traced in northern latitudes over a period of years.

If a change in the world climate is coming, questions will need to be asked about the safety of buildings. The code of standards which structural engineers follow when designing buildings includes a map of Britain which lays down the maximum wind speeds that should be allowed for in different areas. The mean wind speeds in the code had never been reached anywhere until last October. On that night they were exceeded almost everywhere in the storm belt.

Architects congratulated themselves, with some reason, on the way buildings had come through this test beyond their design limits. But what if those design limits are going to be regularly exceeded in future? What would that mean for new buildings — and for existing ones?

In terms of livelihoods, the victims who lost most through the storm were foresters and farmers.

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For the record

The statistics of the storm were unprecedented in Britain in modern times. In England alone the number of trees lost was more than 15 million. It caused 19 fatal injuries on the night itself, and about 11 storm-related deaths followed in the next few days. Casualties in other countries raised the total of deaths to about 50.

About one British house in six suffered substantial damage, and insurance companies have already paid out more than £1.8 million, with 10 per cent of claims still not settled. Since more that a third of householders are uninsured, the damage actually suffered must have cost well over £1 billion.

The cost of meeting all the claims arising from the storm's passage across seven nations, from Portugal to Scandinavia, was no less than £1.8 billion. This figure, too, must be well below the actual overall cost.

In meteorological terms, however, the wind was by no means a record. The night's strongest gust in Britain was 98 knots, at Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex. The strongest gust ever recorded in these islands is 149 knots, measured 4,000 feet up on Mount Cairngorm. The Met Office, after all the irrational scapegoating it endured for failing to predict the gale, had the further humiliation of confessing eight months later that it had only just noticed that it had reported it wrong, too.

The night's maximum reported British gust, trumpeted in headlines and analysed in scholarly discourses, was found to be a 20 per cent over-reading. The equipment, at Gorleston, in Norfolk, was known to have been damaged by vandals, but no one had tested it till then.

Gorleston was ignominiously demoted from hurricane force status. A wind of hurricane force is one that averages 65 knots for 10 minutes, as measured 10 metres above the ground (it averaged 74 knots at Shoreham-by-Sea). In strict weatherman's usage, hurricanes do not happen in Britain, being tropical storms by definition.

In February the Met Office took delivery of a new computer with eight times the capacity of the old one which had failed to predict the storm. Eight months later, they are still relying on the old one. The Met Office explains that an instrument so complex cannot simply be plugged into the wall like a hair-dryer, and admits that there have been "teething troubles". If you've noticed no difference, it's because there hasn't been any.

But the Met Office remains fully confident that the new machine will be fully operational well in advance of the next comparable storm, so long as it follows the pattern of past records and does not strike for another 100 to 300 years.

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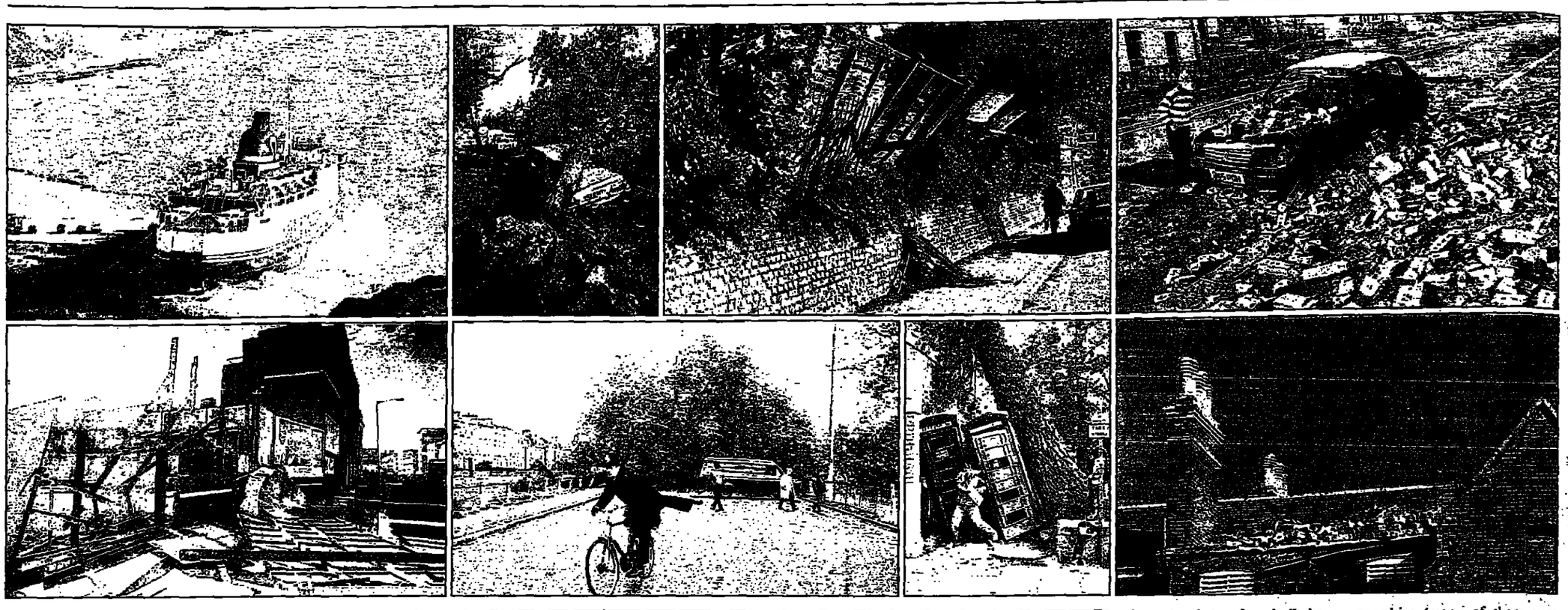
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How successfully they recover is not just their private affair. The future appearance of the countryside is closely bound up with their *fortunes. Among people I spoke* to, there is agreement that no two stories are alike. The gale fell with very different impact even on neighbours whose properties were side by side. The effect of official aid has been almost equally arbitrary.

"On many farms, the effects of the storm will outlive the youngest members of the families living there," says Shaun Leavey, of the National Farmers' Union's Kent and East Sussex office. "*In small* family farms in the Weald, they have just accepted that woodland on their property will be impossible to clear with the resources *they have. It will just have to be* left to nature."

Simon Ridley, regional secretary for the Country Landowners' Association, agrees. "*Some owners have been faced* with *responsible* estimates of over £1 million for clearance, *after* allowing for any profit to be gained from selling the timber. *There is no future* for the 1,000-acre farm run by a man and his wife, faced with costs like that. They are going to decide that their *future is in a long-term alternative* crop of concrete."

Grants were mainly aimed at encouraging replanting rather than clearance; but without clear*ance, replanting* cannot begin. Subsidies have been attuned to the needs of owners of plantations intensively managed for forestry, and to private and public owners of amenity woods and trees. It is miscellaneous small-scale woodland, in aggregate very important to the rural scene, which seems to have missed out.

"The Government has come up with money which starts to look realistic," says Gerry Wiggin, the *Tory chairman of the Commons* agriculture committee, which produced an influential report in the spring. "But for a lot of timber growers, the delay means that *wood has already been spoiled. It* has been too little, too late."

Owners of glasshouses and soft-fruit growers came particularly badly out of the compensation *arrangements.* "*I spoke to one* fruit grower, an elderly man, whose reaction to the hurricane was to put his place on the market," says Shaun Leavey. "But *in the long run, the most serious* loss may be to old traditional buildings which were picturesque but not really important any longer to the running of the farm – dilapidated and often uninsured. The traditional Kentish barn was very vulnerable to that blow."

Major forestry interests appear relatively content today. There was much early concern about the risk that the millions of cubic metres of windblown timber *would go to waste while markets* were glutted. Delays in the Government's response meant that some less durable timbers, like beech, have been spoilt on a large *scale after months lying out in the* open.

But Jim Dewar, of the Forestry Commission, is encouraged by surveys he has made. About a *third of the total volume has been* removed, and the wood-using industries in the affected areas have nearly doubled their intake.

"Much of the more durable *timber has gone into store,"* he says. "More timber is being carried by rail to other parts of Britain outside the area where the glut of timber has been worst. Exports have increased, even though we are in competition with the French, who lost even more *timber than we did. There has* even been a marked rise in our exports of coniferous timber to Scandinavia."

'Some suspected that such a visitation might portend the Last Judgement'

New EEC *policies and* new grant conditions make Jim Dewar confident that owners replanting in areas *where hardwood trees were de*stroyed will usually plant hardwoods again.

But in spite of the busy work that has gone on in some areas like *Sevenoaks, the main job of* replanting is something which still lies in the future. The anniversary is likely to see outbreaks of handwringing over the fact that so little has been done. But it was always apparent that the task was going to take decades.

At least one group of observers will feel little regret at the prospect that extensive areas of woodland may be effectively abandoned to nature. For naturalists, the gale suddenly created territories resembling the primeval forest which covered Britain in prehistoric times. Generations of management had made our woodland a *relatively artificial environ*ment. Now the nation is newly provided with stretches of virtual jungle, re-establishing lost habitats for plants and wildlife.

The National Trust has cleared 36 per cent of its 1,200 hectares of ruined woodland. A further 13 per cent is to be left to regenerate naturally. Systematic planting has *scarcely begun, for the best season* for replanting is only just beginning, although a few trees have been planted by celebrities as a gesture of hope. The Trust has taken on 25 extra staff to handle the extra work, for young trees need more care than grown ones.

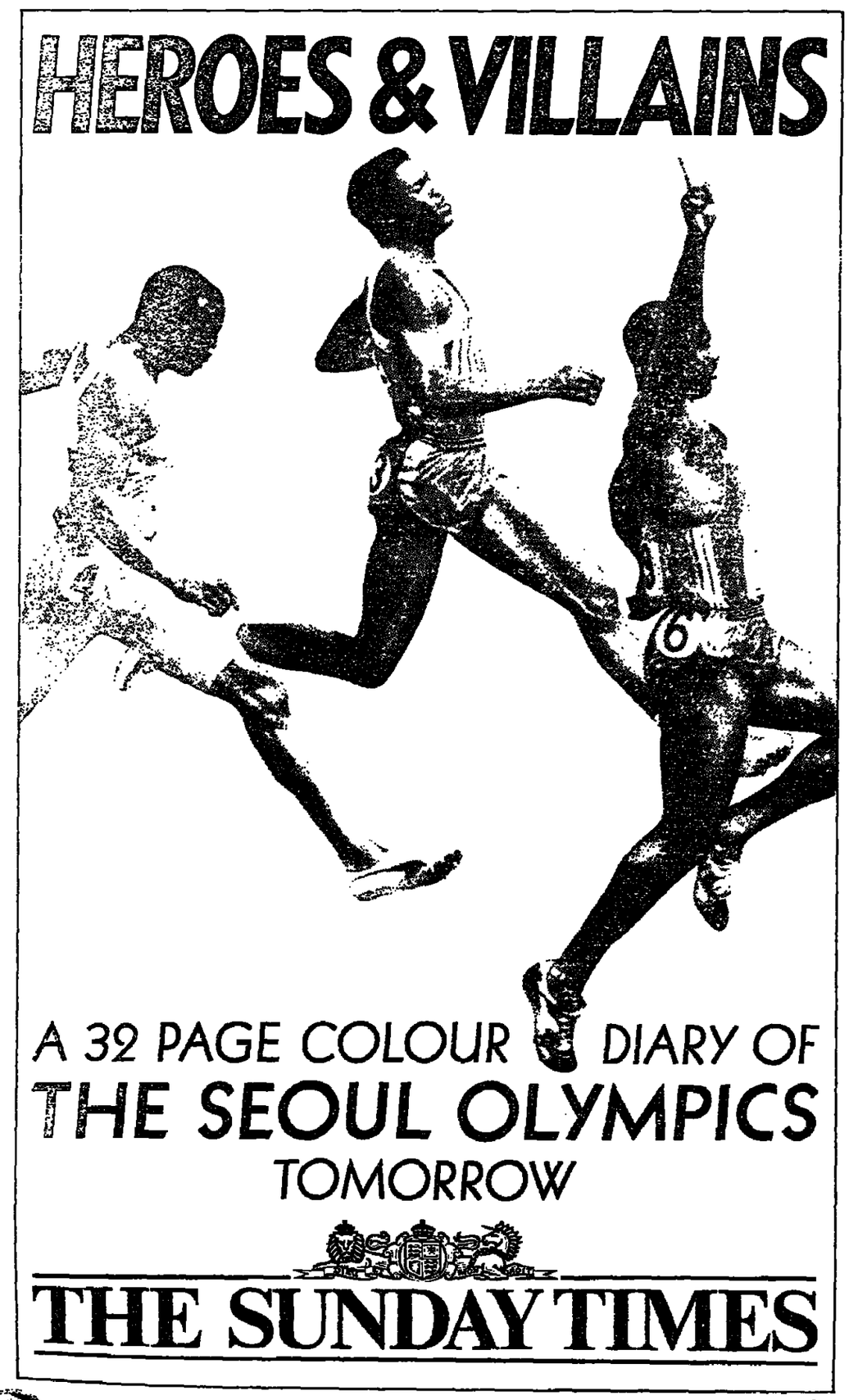
The shock of the storm was so *great that it has forced all those* involved to make a profound reappraisal of their policies. For conservation bodies, the effect of the sudden disaster may be beneficial in the long run. "It highlighted a deep plight that we had got into", says Warren Davis, of *the National Trust. "Because of a* permanent shortage of resources, we had been caught in a pattern of maintenance which left too little room for renewal. The response to *our appeal has been tremendous,* but there is still a huge amount to be done. On the anniversary of the storm, we are going to broaden the appeal, so that we can devote as *much attention to the long-term* future as we should have been doing all along."

If there is one lesson that the storm ought to have brought home to landowners and policy-makers, it is that the woodland countryside we like to think of as natural is a heritage which needs constant renewal, and demands to be treated with sustained care, foresight and imagination.

Last month I revisited Petworth, West Sussex, and the grove of giant trees called the Pleasure Ground, which Capability Brown laid out in the 1750s. It had been changed out of recognition by the gale. Almost all the casualties (many of them trees which had stood since Brown's day) have now been removed, and the central area of *the plantation* is hardly more than a patch of rough ploughed ground, waiting for replanting.

The trees round the edge suffered less badly. *This might appear* to be an act of brutal caprice, characteristic of the storm. In fact there is a sound explanation. The outside trees were exposed to wind *all their lives, and because of that* had put down firm roots. But once a few of them gave way to October's unprecedented blast, trees that they had protected for *centuries were exposed,* and they put up far less resistance.

On the edge of the Pleasure Ground lies what is left of the largest sweet chestnut tree ever recorded in Britain. It is no more than an immense log cut off flat at each end, and looks like a Swiss roll – or more like an Underground carriage, for its girth as it lies is so great that it is still three feet taller than I am. It can have received no sap from its roots, now grubbed up, for all but a year. But along its sides it has shot out leaves which are still green and tender, indistinguishable from the leaves of the growing sapling which stands beside it.



New life from dead wood

NICK ROGERS



Head gardener at Lanhydrock House, near Bodmin, Cornwall, with saplings grown from storm-wrecked trees

A longish bookshelf would already be needed to accommodate the documentation of the storm. It has generated five official reports, 83 columns of Hansard and an uncounted number of other *reports, souvenirs, histories,* catalogues, videos, special supplements, special pleadings and action packs for tree-planters.

While *I was researching Hurricane Force,* my own account of the disasters of the night, I became convinced that the storm was also certain to *break out sooner or later into* another realm, that of imaginative literature. Writers were bound to find their imaginations playing on the drama. It *would have carried irresistible* symbolic overtones even if it had not been followed almost within hours by the stock market crash. The power cuts, the smashed products of technology, the virtual paralysis of one of the world's great cities, the reassertion of the supremacy of unbridled natural forces – they all added up to a superb image of civilization in disarray.

I convinced myself as I wrote that countless Home Counties novelists were also beavering away on works *which would unanimously* culminate in storm sequences expressing a sense of the fragility of society and the rottenness of our institutions. Since my own strongest impression of the whole thing was of the resilience of society and of ordinary people, I wished these imaginary competitors well and went another way.

The first creative by-product of the storm was not bookish at all, but the collection of paintings and drawings which the National Trust farsightedly commissioned from *artists in the immediate after*math. The pictures, now on exhibition at Petworth House, show how artists found different kinds of beauty in the *chaos.*

Wood carvers, joiners and cabinet-makers will be producing beauty out of destruction in a similar way, as *they turn the casualties of the* storm into furniture and sculpture. Good timber needs months to mature, but a number of projects are in train, *including one for building a* new display cabinet at Kew Gardens. Arts for the Earth, an offshoot of Friends of the Earth, plans to invite sculptors to make works for eventual display at Kew, from one of its shattered trees.

Among writers, the patriarch and forerunner of all chroniclers of the storm is Bob Ogley, editor of the local paper *in Sevenoaks, Kent, which was* at the centre of one of the worst-hit areas. The power cuts plunged his home into darkness. But he wrote a book *by candlelight, and had it on* sale *within six weeks. In the Wake of the Hurricane* is a zestful account, told mainly in *pictures, which has now sold* almost 100,000 copies and has made a handsome contribution to the National Trust's disaster appeal.

I am only aware of one novel as yet which has mentioned the storm. Piers Paul Read's *A Season in the West* gives it a subsidiary role in an ironic *comedy of capitalism. But the* storm receives its most remarkable fictional treatment in a work quite unlike anything I foresaw. The irrepressible *Benjamin Zephaniah* has written *Hurricane Dub,* a half-hour radio drama, which is to be broadcast on October 17.

A play in poetry and music and three dialects, it treats the storm as the background to a lively and touching domestic comedy. The words *are written in lilting Carib*bean verse:

"Breeze blowin' hard. Breeze blowin' hard.

Tings start move in de back yard.

Breeze blowin' hard. Breeze blowin' hard.

It must be a hurricane from abroad . . ."

Zephaniah spent the night of the storm in his home in East Ham, and lost several slates from his roof. "What gave me the idea was just talking to people in the days after. There were three things – some of them had wondered if it was World War Three *breaking out, and some had* thought: 'Oh God, is this Christ coming?' And then while I was listening to the wind, I'd thought about hear*ing music in it."*

The night generated another quite different work, to be published next week. The storm caught Libby Purves at home in Suffolk, and brought down a 189-year-old beech tree in her garden: "When he saw our tree down, my son Nicholas, who was four at the time, burst into tears and said: 'I will be dead before it can *grow up again so beautiful.'* I saw that he'd got hang at the heart of the whole thing. He and I wrote the book as a sort of joint effort. The British royalties are going to the Woodland Trust.

"We were 11 days without power, and we talked a lot about the tree. It really brought him face to face for the first time with the fact that he hadn't been here long and wasn't going to be here for ever – and that if the next generation are to have beautiful things like our tree, we're the ones who must plant them."

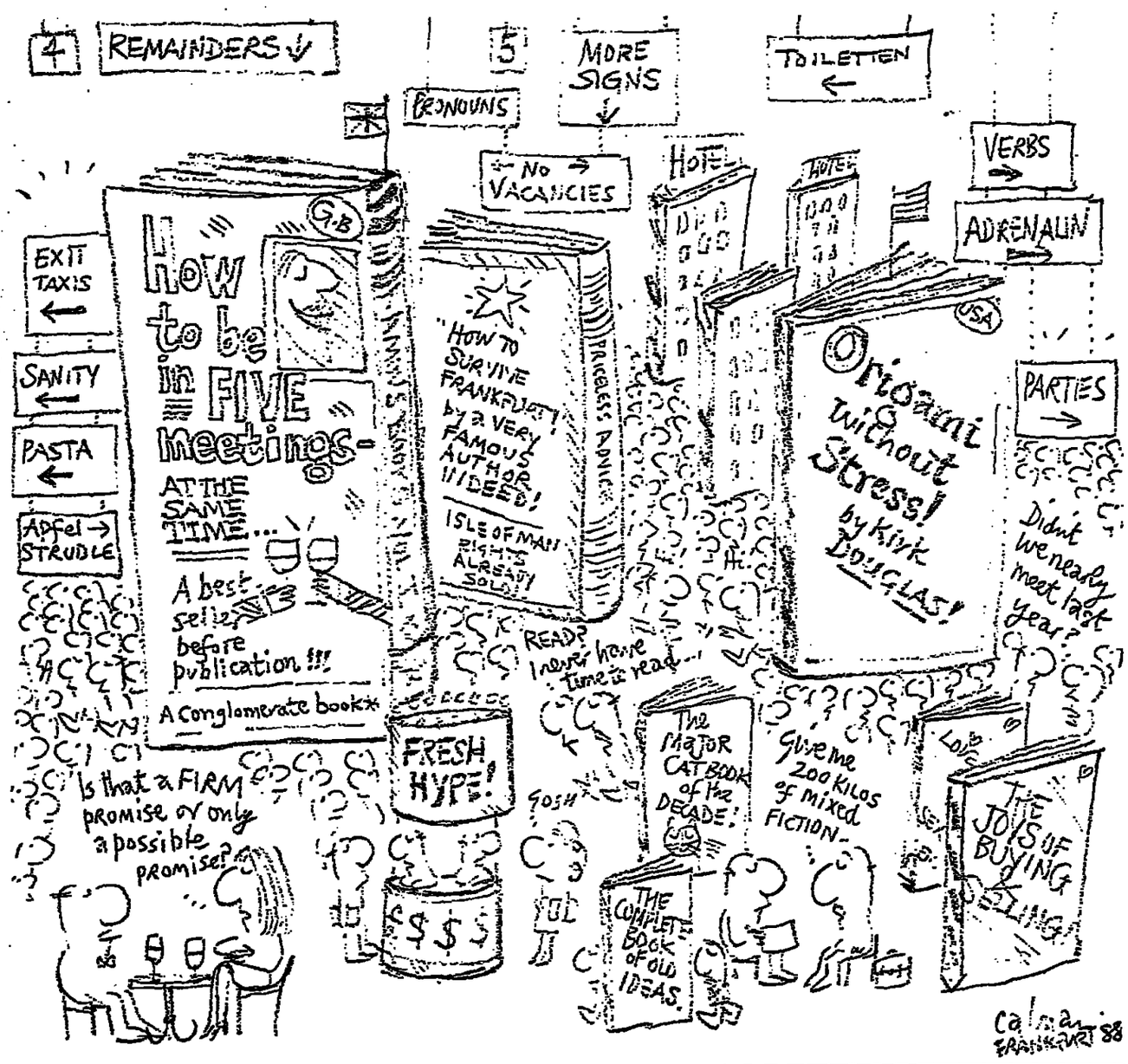
An art show, a foothold in a novel, a play, a picture book, two histories and a carve-up: that seems to be the current tally. I strongly suspect that there is more to come.

- *Hurricane Force*, by George Hill (Collins, £10.95).
- *In the Wake of the Hurricane*, by Bob Ogley (Froglets Press, Brasted Chart, Kent, £7.50).
- *A Season in the West*, by Piers Paul Read (Allison, £10.95).
- *The Hurricane Tree*, by Libby Purves (Bodley Head, £5.50).
- *Hurricane Dub*, a radio play by Benjamin Zephaniah (to be broadcast at 9.10pm on October 17, on Radio 4).
- *Stormstruck*, a National Trust exhibition of paintings and drawings at Petworth House, West Sussex, until October 30.

PUBLISHING

No place for an author to be

All the fun of buying and selling, but not such a great fair? Joining forces in Frankfurt for the fortieth book bonanza, Catherine Bennett heard about CIA widows, the next big thing and the rights and wrongs of conglomerates... and Mel Calman drew his own conclusions



'It's just like the annual motor show . . . but it's important, because if you're not there, everybody thinks you're bankrupt'

Tom Maschler is unfolding a skeleton. "Look at this," he says, struggling with a cardboard pop-up sternum, "this is what we are going to make money out of." He holds up the rib cage parallel with his own: "Look, it's life size! Can you just hold the legs up for me?" The legs flop, still folded, to the ground, while Maschler dwells joyously on his market, "It's for children, medical students, everybody . . ."

There was something sadly unspectacular about Maschler's skeleton, but by the second morning of the Frankfurt Book Fair, fortunes had already been bid for less. Five American publishers, for example, were rumoured to be staking around $1.5 million on three pieces of paper, the outline for a biography of Yves Saint Laurent, written by a previously unpublished fashion editor, and sold by Andrew Wylie, the agent notorious for his manipulation of editors. Part of his pre-fair strategy, the engendering of gossip and desire among American editors, had included the sale of British rights to Maschler the previous Friday.

"We paid a lot of money," Maschler said, looking well pleased. "He could have got more. I think he wanted me to be the editor for the book."

His colleague, David Godwin, who joined Cape last Monday, was already hoping that the company's reputation might help secure a German novel he had heard about, whose title escaped everyone, whose author they had never heard of, but was, by Wednesday lunchtime, rumoured to be "the book of the fair". Godwin had not seen a copy of *The Last World* himself, "but there are reports around from people who can read German. I would trust other people's judgement." Having said that, Godwin said he had never bought a book at Frankfurt; not in 10 years. "I mean, we are *publishers*, not tradesmen, you know; you have to *read* books."

Certainly, reading has been an uncommon activity at the 40th Frankfurt fair, where international publishers have spent the last three days buying, selling, and going to parties. "It's very low cultivation here," said one American agent. "What you are talking about is what's new and what's not, but not what's good in the real sense of good." And the hotter and newer the book, the more limited the literature, or the time available to read it. John Richardson's book on Picasso, brought to Frankfurt for auction, could only be read under supervision, in the Hessischer Hof hotel.

Another, about CIA widows, was available only to a few, on an American stand where the publishers were behaving with histrionic secrecy. Was there a book called *Widows*? I would have to ask Mr Eady, the vice-president. Was *Widows* really about the CIA? "That's why I can't tell you," said Mr Eady, whose other publications, well displayed, had titles such as *Cooking from Quilt Country*, and *Entertaining for Business* – spectacular celebrations for every possible occasion. How much money was he hoping to make from *Widows*? "A lot," smirked Mr Eady, and backed away.

Mr Eady was unusual. Most Frankfurt exhibitors, particularly those who have come to sell big, illustrated books on subjects like travel, gardening and cookery, are almost pathetically eager to brag: these shiny, expensive publications rely on "co-production" deals with another country if they are ever to be produced. Until then there is little to see, and virtually nothing to read.

Sián Williams, publisher of the Camden Press, had made a large, plastic bottom the centrepiece of her stand, to draw attention to her forthcoming health book *The Bottom Line* – "From piles to pleasure, everything you need to know about your bottom". "This is terribly personal", she began, "because about a year ago I had something called an anal fissure. I was *in such* agony." Happily, Ms Williams found a cure in acupuncture, but she had discovered a gap in the market. "There were all these books on cystitis and thrush, but the bottom is still an *extraordinarily* taboo area," she said. "So I think it's an important book." At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning each of the 102,860 new books on show suddenly become "important", or if not exactly that, "excoriating", "gorgeous", "absolutely unique".

An Italian novel became "*On the Black Hill*, set in Piedmont". *Rugs with Style* became "the Rolls-Royce of rug books".

Rights directors are Frankfurt's salesmen. While editors cruise the aisles, being offered wine, beer and compliments, the rights sellers sit in front of their wares, cajoling up to 16 editors a day on half-hour appointments. As many of the books do not yet exist, and most of the important ones have already been sold during pre-Frankfurt sales trips, or belong to authors' agents, the rights sellers are happy if they can stir up emotion.

Jonathan Goodman, a publisher at Hamlyn and Octopus and a buyer of illustrated books, talked about non buying. "There's a thing called Frankfurt fever, an illness which has to be resisted at all costs," he said. "Otherwise you can buy the biggest load of rubbish." What was the point of coming to Frankfurt? "Showing people the range of what we've done will attract people to come to us, and for prestige purposes it is very *important to show customers* the books we haven't sold them, to keep them at fever pitch."

"It's ridiculous. I've been here two hours and already I'm getting anxious because I haven't bought anything," said one British editor, who had been sent out this year with specific instructions to buy "big books", and to pay inordinately to get them. Everyone was saying how much money was around. You could see it in the lavishly designed conglomerate stands, where witty little trimmings and matching colours gave a homogenous look to odd agglomerations of formerly *independent companies*. Last year Methuen and George Philip had their own stands, now they are mere departments in a white, purple-trimmed Octopus department store, which dominates one end of the hall with decorative allusions to the Michelin building, the London home of Octopus.

The consequence of the conglomerate empires, and of their envious competition for the biggest books, is that gargantuan sums will be promised instantly, as a "floor" for a subsequent auction that will raise, yet again, the price of a cunningly hyped book. Godwin said he had loads of money. "We have access to any sum of money that we want; we can put together any deal of one or two million quite easily." But that money is generally reserved for the expected best-sellers; the easily-marketed Saint Laurent blockbuster. When it comes to more esoteric, or humdrum, work which is still needed to fill the weeks between best-sellers, conglomerates prefer to buy companies, and a ready-made list.

The aisles filled with middle-aged, middle-sized men in grey suits. They started drinking at lunchtime on Wednesday; by Thursday morning, after everyone had attended one or more parties, many were speaking through alcoholic fumes. "For a so-called glamour profession, it's pretty dismal isn't it?" said one woman editor. Certainly there were few memorable figures once you had seen Joanna Mackle of Faber and Faber, the only woman at the fair in a top hat, or the two young Americans, dressed in dissolute preppy style, holding court at Atlantic Monthly Press on the floor below.

Gary Fisketjon and Morgan Entrekin are renowned for having discovered, respectively, Jay McInerney and Brett Easton Ellis. This makes them the grooviest men at Frankfurt, where they saunter about in cream suits and flowered ties, long fair hair swept back from their foreheads. Gary was wondering about the unknown German, but resolutely cool. "I'm not paying $25,000 for the next *Perfume* until I know what it smells like."

Rian Malan, a South African, is their latest find; together, they feigned a languid distaste for the circumstances which had forced them to auction his book, with a British "floor" already established at $25,000, and a "six figure sum" offered for the American paperback rights. "We weren't going to sell it at Frankfurt," Morgan said. "But there's been this fever from people, and we figured, why not?" Gary and Morgan whispered and giggled and punched each other. "Exciting, isn't it?" said Morgan.

Upstairs, Matthew Evans of Faber and Faber said Frankfurt was nothing of the kind. "It's just like the annual motor show, which is actually rather dull," he said. "But it's important, because if you're not there, everybody thinks you're bankrupt. I once went to America in desperation to get away from Frankfurt, and everyone thought I'd been fired." Now that publishers have faxes, and telephones and cheap transatlantic tickets, big books are sold all year round, and the rise of "scouts", who are paid by British publishers to sniff out ideas and manuscripts before the competition, means that almost every major book project will be known about, or sold, before the fair begins. When an agent wants to create what one called "world excitement" about a book, the scouts, who each represent several publishers from different countries, are expedient in spreading gossip and generating figures. By the time Wylie's Saint Laurent reached Frankfurt, publishers who knew virtually nothing about the book were demanding to see it. But like most agents, Wylie is not an easy man to find.

Few of them have a stand at Frankfurt, preferring to operate from an agents and scouts "centre", like an airport lounge, with a message board and hostesses. When they come to the fair, they come unannounced. "It's another strategy which creates a tension-producing situation," said an American agent, who had been cruising the European stands. "This is an opportunity to meet the world community."

Michael Alcock of Aurum Press was scathing about both the appearance and content of the British stands. It was all cats, dogs and flowers. "Lifestyle, that's what the British public seem to want," he said. He took down one of his own productions, a pop-up *Phantom of the Opera*, which, when opened, played the *Phantom theme* and flashed with tiny lights.

This, clearly, was not the book of the fair. Would there ever be one? There was Richardson on *Picasso*; the unknown German, who was now known to wear a raincoat and have written about Ovid; something on Grace Kelly's bridesmaids. "It's so competitive now, if someone thinks they've found the book of the fair, they're not going to say so," said one editor.

Ed Victor was planning one of the few authorial visits of the fair: Douglas Adams was coming to lunch, to prove that he was funny to the French, one of the few nations to resist him. Adams would be welcomed by a life sized cardboard effigy of himself, with flapping wings, but Frankfurt has never been an author's place. Here, when they are mentioned, it is generally with an eye on their complaisance to editing or promotion, rather than prose-style. One young author was praised by her rights director for her extreme youth and unspoilt nature. "She's still got her braces," she promised an editor. "But she's stupidly gone and had her sixteenth birthday. But we can say she was fifteen when she wrote it."

Robert McCrum, the editorial director of Faber and Faber, had just handed his own latest novel to Matthew Evans, for an opinion. "If you've ever written a book, this is a depressing place to be," he said. "It makes you aware of the frailty of human endeavour. It's a horse market, and horses shouldn't be allowed to come into it."



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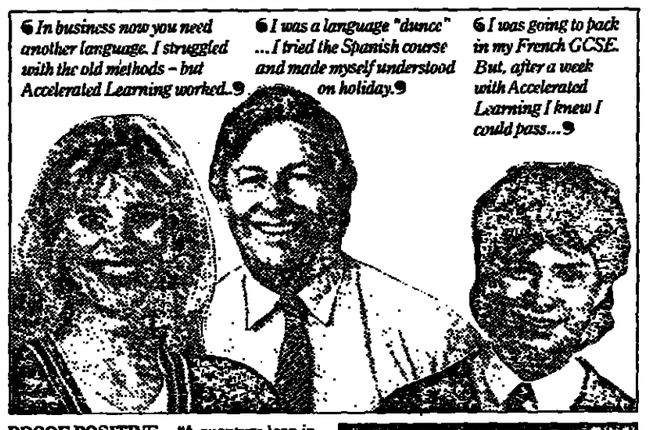
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THE ARTS

Dirk Bogarde is about to receive a film world accolade – but he's not sure why and he hasn't got a dinner jacket, he tells **Sheridan Morley**

Neither foreign nor dead

GRAHAM WOOD



In good shape, considering: Dirk Bogarde in his new Chelsea flat, where the caretaker has "strict instructions to come up and see if I'm lying in a pool of blood every so often"

For those of us who happen to believe that Dirk Bogarde is, with the one exception of James Mason, the only truly great film actor to have emerged from the British cinema since the war, the news that he is to receive the first BAFTA annual academy award tomorrow night (in a tribute to be televised on ITV next Thursday) is nothing but good.

The rest of the news is not so good: in his 68th year Bogarde has been recovering from a major stroke, the death of his near-lifelong friend Tony Forwood, and the necessity (through illness) of selling a house in the South of France which had been their only home for most of the last 20 years.

Considering all of that, Bogarde is in remarkably good shape: tetchy, certainly, irritable as ever with the ways of a London world he finds neither satisfactory nor reassuring, but able to view life from the window of his new Chelsea flat with a languidly reclusive and satirical perspective that would have been the envy of Evelyn Waugh himself.

He remains characteristically clenched, wry, resilient and imperturbable: like his late friend Forwood, he comes of a generation in which hearts were not worn on sleeves and stories were not sold to the Sunday papers. A morning spent with him leaves the memory of a generous and courteous host with a wonderfully witty narrative line on himself, but living in a curious kind of internal exile.

To know Bogarde even vaguely well, you need to read all of his autobiographies and all of his journalism, and even then you will know no more than he cares to put on public view: like Alec Guinness's, his has been one of the great conjuring acts of the modern cinema, a sustained vanishing trick performed under the arc lights of more than 60 movies. And now, though not exactly yet the spectre at the feast nor the uninvited guest, he begins to remind one of those leading characters who once used to drift through the plays of T.S. Eliot or Christopher Fry or even J.B. Priestley, having come from some altogether other world and intending to leave no shadow on the wall.

But Bogarde is also a very funny man, a waspishly expert autobiographer and novelist and letter-writer who records changing social and showbusiness patterns with the eye of a lethal classical satirist:

"The main trouble now is that people think I must be either foreign or dead. In America they call me an art-house actor, which is their shorthand for 'makes no money', and dear God that is true enough. I had to sell paintings to buy this flat, and the last few months of Forwood's illness and my stroke used up all the savings I had. But I'm still determined not to become a lovable old character-actor in some bloody American mini-series: I'd rather try to live on the books if I can, not that I'm in much acting demand anyway.

"Apart from some minor television work, I've not filmed in England since 1966 or anywhere since 1977, so this whole award thing tomorrow is really a folly. I can't find a dinner jacket now that Moss Bros have left Covent Garden, and even if I do find one to fit me they always make me look like a Maltese waiter."

The trauma of selling the house near Grasse almost two years ago was considerable. "But it was clear we had to leave: Forwood had contracted both cancer and Parkinson's, and as Noël Coward always said, you really do have to go and be ill in your own language, so we came back here. Somehow I never thought Forwood would die before me – I'd even booked my plot in the local graveyard.

"Tony found me at 18, and we were together for 50 years except during the war and his marriage to Glynis Johns; people thought my calling him Forwood in my books made him sound like the gardener, but he was always Forwood to me. Ours was a totally platonic relationship; Tony was a rather puritanical figure who also happened to hate the idea of homosexuality, but that doesn't make it any easier to live without him; we quarrelled occasionally, usually about music, but we had an instinctive and unusual partnership and I have to say I now find the weekends painfully long.

"In the end I suppose I've always been a rather crusty old bachelor and very set in my ways. I have a lot of friends who keep phoning to make sure I'm not jumping out of windows, but the trouble is that I'm not very sociable and I find most dinner parties unbelievably awful."

Bogarde chose his new flat largely because of its resident caretaker: "After my stroke and Forwood's death I realized that I really couldn't live totally alone, so the caretaker here has strict instructions to come up and see if I'm lying in a pool of blood every so often. In some ways I'm quite glad to be back in Chelsea: this was one of my very first homes when I was an art student at the Chelsea Poly in 1938, taught by Graham Sutherland and an exhausted Henry Moore, who was appalled that I could never manage knees or feet in perspective, so I used only to paint people leaning out of windows. Years and years later I asked Graham if he'd paint me, but he refused because he said my face had not got any character, which was news to me."

Bogarde's future is now, he reckons, as a writer rather than an actor: "I've almost got to the end of the autobiographies, and having published two novels I got into deep trouble with a third, so that's been abandoned for the time being. When the wounds have healed, I think I will write about Forwood's death and my stroke and all of that; there's also a collection of letters I wrote to a woman in America who was dying of cancer, and her family have given me those back so I think they might make a book. It was a time in the 1960s before we all started falling apart, and I found some long descriptions of jobs I'd totally forgotten, like an American television documentary that we made in St Peter's, where the then Pope (who I didn't much care for) said he'd only have actors of unquestionable moral rectitude and so ruled out Orson Welles.

"So they finished up with me and Edith Evans and Ralph Richardson reading poems by the altar, and Edith insisted on lying on the tomb of Pius so she could kiss him: there she lay, draped in a long mink coat, intoning 'O Good Man' over and over again. How can one not write about things like that?"

About his more recent television work, Bogarde has been less than happy: "I adapted and starred in a Graham Greene short story which was a failure, and then Lee Remick and I did *The Vision* which I wasn't altogether happy with either.

"The trouble is that I really don't know anybody in television or around the theatre any more: all my friends seem to be dead. I seem to spend half my life now at funerals or memorial services.

"When Forwood and I first went to live in France it was because most of our contemporaries were already disappearing or getting a bit boring, but the people who came to see us there really didn't care for our kind of life, either. My mother said it was even more boring than West Sussex, though Glenda Jackson thought it was paradise.

"In a way I rather envy people like her, who've managed to sustain a stage career as well as a life in films: I gave up the theatre in the 1950s when teeny-bopper film fans used to shriek at me from the dress circle and I got very unnerved. Even in the cinema now the casting directors are about 12, and they keep asking my agent to send in a video so they can see what I look like."

He doesn't think he has made any money out of a film since about 1960: "I could never crack Hollywood, largely because I could never bring myself to want to enough, though I did end up in one of those 'Hiya Chopin, how's Liszt and is that George Sand over there?' disasters.

"I find now that I really can't watch any of my old movies, even on television: it's like a dog going back to its own vomit. Not that I'm ashamed of all of them: I think I got *The Servant* right, and I'm afraid to see *Death in Venice* again because I don't see how it can live up to its reviews.

"You still get some magical things on television, but it always seemed to be an impertinence to show something as great as *The Singing Detective* on a medium through which people could talk or put the cat out or switch over: that ought to have been seen in total darkness and silence up on a huge screen.

"In the days when I was a working actor, Channel 4 had not been invented and the only way I financed an 'art' film like *The Servant* was out of my fame as a J. Arthur Rank star. I really wanted Ralph Richadson to play the lead in that, but when he turned it down I did it myself, and I don't think it worked out too badly, though for a year after we had finished it we couldn't find a proper distributor.

"In the meantime I went back to Pinewood to do *Doctor in Love* or whatever, and the publicity man there said how nice it was to have me back where I belonged, and I think I knew in that split-second that I had to leave England as soon as possible thereafter."



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Glass of a different stain

Brian Clarke, a British artist, has designed the windows for a synagogue on the site of Gestapo headquarters

MARK PEPPER



Reflections on past and future: Brian Clarke and his stained glass windows in the synagogue

The choice of a retired prince of punk to make the stained class windows for the great monument to the Holocaust, Darmstadt's £4 million synagogue, may seem strange; especially as the prince in question, Brian Clarke, is best known for his 2,000-square metre glass for the Riyadh mosque and airport.

The announcement has been made, and Clarke will begin on the dozen 18ft windows; a Clarke retrospective exhibition in Darmstadt, opens on November 9, the 50th anniversary of *Kristalnacht* when the Nazis destroyed nearly 200 synagogues and the Holocaust began officially. *Kristalnacht* means "night of the broken glass", a symbolic irony for the artist.

Clarke's "crazy days" of the late Seventies, when "everywhere I went it was 'pop', I'm in the gossip columns again", are not part of his CV any more. "My membership of Langans has expired." His friendships with Mick Jagger, David Bailey and Andy Warhol were well chronicled then, those with John Piper, Norman Foster and C.P. Snow were not. Now based in London again, he is a teetotaller and people have given up inviting him to those parties.

In 1980 he went into self-imposed exile – to Rome then New York – on the advice of his art dealer, the late Robert Fraser. Fraser took him off the celebrity circuit and back to work, and both his painting and his stained glass is celebrated in America, and more particularly in Japan. In this country his most famous piece so far has been the 1985 Buxton Window, the glass roof of the restored Thermal Baths, which is our biggest piece of secular stained glass.

A precociously talented miner's son, he was in the last intake of the Ruskin system which allowed a a raft of young stars to go to art school early, and at 11 he went to Oldham Lycemn. He learned every aspect of practical art during the day, academic subjects by night, but even they were biased: history essays would have to be written calligraphically

After Burnley Art School he became peripatetic, going to London, then Devon, then Derbyshire, until in the mid-1970s he found himself famous, a magnate of the punk movement and a darling of the gossip columnists.

But he was also formulating philosophies about stained glass, wrote a book called *Architectural Stained Glass* in which he scorned David Hockney, Patrick Procktor and R.B. Kitaj (which he regrets now) and introduced his theory of "architronics".

'Stained glass is an architectural medium, it's about the integration of art into architecture. It is to do with not only responding to the architecture but adding to it in such a way that neither the art nor the architecture are compromised, but the marriage of the two becomes a whole."

He became friends with Foster, and they are co-operating on their first joint project. It is still a secret, but, according to Clarke, it is the "biggest yet".

He admires German stained glass artists very much, particularly his friend and mentor, Johannes Schreiter; all his windows are made in a Wiesbaden studio.

"You keep coming back to where you know your ideas will be interpreted in your way. The last thing you want is a craftsman with a vision." It was in Weisbaden that he was visited by a dozen burgers from Darmstadt, including the synagogue's architect, Alfred Jakoby (whose parents died in a concentration camp), and representatives of both the Jewish community and the city. "I wasn't at all sure about it, whether I would have the time [he had a major exhibition about to open in Japan], whether it was appropriate, and it was almost a politeness to see them. They told me the whole story. It was a very moving experience. A number of them had survived the concentration camps, they remember *Kristalnacht* personally."

They wanted a non-Jewish non-German to interpret both the past and the future; after considering about a dozen artists, they decided on Clarke.

"When they explained to me what it meant to them, and that this was a symbol for Jewry the world over, paid for by Germans, built on the site of Gestapo headquarters and opening on the 50th anniversary of *Kristalnacht*, I was so moved by them – how this was a symbol to them of their very survival, a symbol of forgiveness for the Jews, a symbol of contrition for the Germans – that when they left I wanted that commission at any price. My main problem was whether I was going to be good enough.

His recurring *leitmotif* (a repeated cross out of which abstracts leap and creep) is still part of the Darmstadt work, but the crosses have become grids, heartbeats between which the living history plunges and soars.

"I did a lot of reading and I was very interested in the Jewish concept of the Word, the law, the constant, the unchanging. One doesn't want to get prosaic and give it too many meanings, but it's about suffering in the flaming red and orange, and it's about hope in the gentle blue. I think they're going to work. I saw them yesterday, and I think they're going to be the best.

"It's the most important stained glass I've done. Emotionally it's been exhausting, but I feel more confident about being open with emotion in stained glass, in a way in which painting is supposed to be more appropriate."

Simon Tait

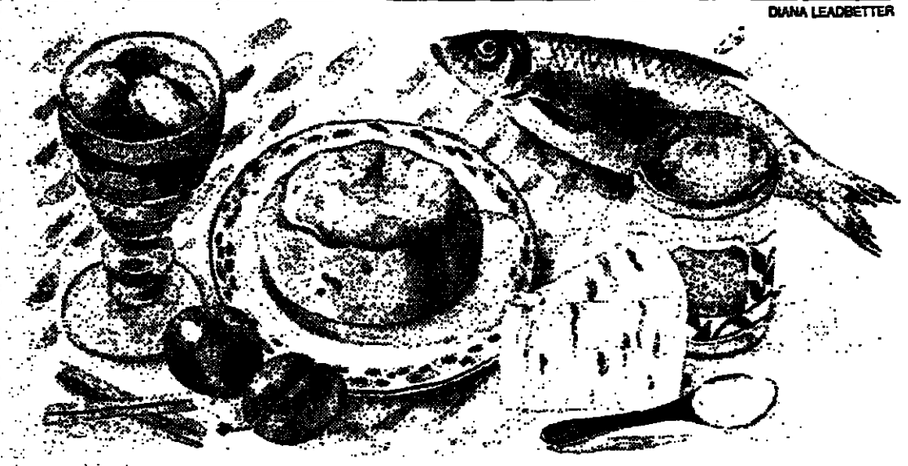
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Home-grown tastes

Ignore the exotic imported foods: local produce creates dishes which are just as satisfying, says Frances Bissell

DIANA LEADBETTER



When I go shopping, I am often tempted by the exotic and unusual. The bright red, flashing gold and vivid blue-green fish from the Seychelles, proudly displayed in my fishmonger's window, are hard to resist. In the greengrocer's, plump brown dates from California, glowing amber persimmons from New Zealand and fragrant pineapples from the Ivory Coast all go into my basket. A fine plump guinea fowl from France waylays me in the butcher's. I unpack my treasures and wonder where all my money has gone.

But today's recipes are based entirely upon inexpensive and relatively local food which makes dishes that are right for the time of year. New season's herrings will be in season until the spring. They are a versatile fish, highly nutritious and extremely good value at about £1 a pound.

The recipe for apple and horse-radish cream comes from a new book, *A Harvest of Apples* by Ruth Ward (Penguin, £6.99), which will inspire you to indulge in a feast of apples this autumn.

Patrick John, chef at the Gatwick Hilton, recently served a small plate of blue Stilton glazed over with honey, quickly flashed under the grill and served with salad leaves. I have adapted his combination of flavours as a topping for baked potatoes.

Herrings with apple and horse-radish cream
(Serves 4)

- 4 herrings
- 2tbs olive oil
- 2tbs rolled oatflakes
- salt
- pepper

Ask your fishmonger to clean the herrings and remove the head and backbone. To make them easier to handle, I then cut them in half so that each fish has two fillets. Trim off fins and any of the larger protruding bones, and cut the single fillets into three diagonal pieces. Brush on both sides with olive oil, sprinkle the oatflakes on the skin side, press well down and season lightly. Get the oven very hot which will cook the underside of the fish while the top (skin side) is exposed to the grill. Grill for three to four minutes, depending on thickness. Serve with the apple and horse-radish cream. The herrings are good hot or cold.

Apple and horse-radish cream
(Serves 4 to 6)

- ¼pt/140ml double cream
- 2tsp grated horse-radish
- 1 dessert apple, peeled and grated
- ½tsp sugar
- pinch of salt

Whip the cream and fold in the horse-radish and apple. Add the sugar and salt to taste. Another way of serving this combination is as mouthfuls to go with drinks. Spread the apple and horse-radish cream on toast, rye bread or pumpernickel, top with a piece of grilled herring and decorate, if you like, with dill or parsley.

Honey-glazed Stilton potatoes
(Serves 4)

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 2oz/60g butter
- 4oz/110g blue Stilton
- 1-2tbs honey

Scrub and dry the potatoes, and prick them all over. Bake towards the top of a fairly hot oven, gas mark 6, 200°C/400°F, until they feel soft when squeezed slightly. Cooking time will depend on the size and thickness of the potato but can be speeded up by inserting a small metal meat skewer into each potato at its thickest point. Cut a slice from the broadest surface of each potato and scoop the soft flesh into a bowl. Mix in the butter with a fork, and pepper to taste. Spoon back into the potato shells and smooth the surface, leaving enough room to lay thin slices of Stilton on top. Trickle honey over the cheese and put under a hot grill for two to three minutes for the honey and the cheese to melt and brown. Serve immediately.

For the next recipe, if using lamb on the bone, ask your butcher to chop it for casseroling.

Lamb paprika
(Serves 4)

- 3½lb/1.60kg lamb on the bone (best end or middle neck) or 1½lb/680g boned and cubed lamb
- 1oz/30g seasoned flour (flour mixed with salt and pepper)
- 1tbs olive or sunflower oil
- 1 onion, peeled and sliced
- 2 celery stalks, trimmed and sliced
- 1 level tbs sweet paprika powder
- 1tsp ground cumin or more to taste
- ½pt/280ml stock or water

Trim any excess fat and gristle from the lamb. Put the seasoned flour in a strong paper bag and shake the pieces of lamb in it, a few at a time. Remove the pieces from the bag, shake off any surplus flour, and put the meat to one side. Repeat until all the meat has been coated. Heat the oil in a heavy casserole and when hot, sear the meat, a few pieces at a time, until nicely browned all over. Remove the meat and put to one side. Fry the vegetables until golden brown and put with the meat. Sprinkle the paprika and cumin into the pan and cook for a minute or two, stirring and scraping up the bits stuck to the bottom. Moisten with a little of the liquid and stir until smooth. Add the rest of the liquid gradually, bring to the boil, put the meat and vegetables back in the pot, cover, lower the heat and simmer very gently until the meat is tender, about 1½-2 hours, depending on the cut you use. Top up with more stock or water if it shows signs of drying out. Alternatively, cook the casserole towards the bottom of the oven for about an hour at gas mark 6, 200°C/400°F or for longer if you are using a cooler oven.

Lamb paprika is delicious served with rice, potatoes, noodles or dumplings. Or try this gratin of root vegetables. The secret is to thinly slice and then parboil the vegetables before baking them. I will not be specific about the cheese. You can grate up odds and ends of hard cheese and mix with blue cheese or goat cheese.

Gratin of root vegetables
(Serves 4 to 6)

- ½lb/230g carrots
- ½lb/230g parsnips
- ½lb/230g small turnips
- ½lb/230g celeriac
- 2oz/60g butter
- 1tbs flour
- 1pt/570ml milk or water taken from the water in which you cook the vegetables
- 3oz/85g freshly grated cheese
- freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼tsp ground allspice
- salt
- pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 sprig thyme

Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil. Peel or scrub and slice the vegetables very thin, using a mandolin, sharp knife or the fine slicing disc on the food processor. Put the vegetables in the water when it comes to the boil. Bring back to the boil and simmer for 30 seconds. Drain the vegetables, and use the water as a base for soup or for the sauce needed for this recipe. Spread an oven-proof baking dish with half the butter, and melt the rest in a saucepan. Sprinkle on the flour, and blend into the melted butter. Cook for two or three minutes, and add a little hot milk or water away from the heat. Put back on the heat to cook the flour and liquid, gradually adding the rest of the liquid, stirring continuously to avoid lumps. Cook gently for 10 minutes. Stir in the cheese and spices, add salt and pepper to taste. Spread a little of the sauce over the bottom of the casserole and add a layer of vegetable slices. Continue until sauce and vegetables are used up, finishing with a light covering of sauce. Tie herbs together and bury them in the middle of the casserole. Bake at gas mark 4, 180°C/350°F for about 40 minutes, or gas mark 6, 200°C/400°F for 40 minutes.

Cinnamon plums
(Serves 4)

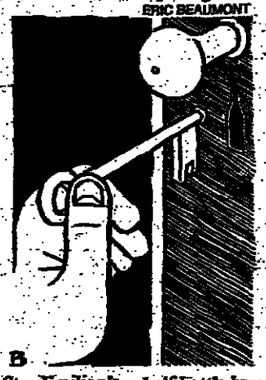
- 1lb/455g ripe and firm plums
- 1-2oz/30-60g unrefined sugar, to taste
- ¼pt/140ml water
- 1 cinnamon stick *or* ½tsp ground cinnamon
- 1tbs fresh orange juice

Rinse the plums and discard any stalks. With a sharp knife, cut round the long circumference of the plum, right down to the stone, and twist the two halves in opposite directions to separate them. Ease out the stones and put to one side. Put the rest of the ingredients in a saucepan and heat gently until the sugar has melted. Crack the plum stones to extract the kernels and add these, with the plums, to the syrup. Cook gently for 10 to 15 minutes, or a little longer if the plums are firm. Remove from the heat, cool and then chill until required. Serve with cream, yoghurt or ice-cream. The plum kernels add a delicate hint of almond to the dish. Whenever I make plum jam, I always add a few for each jar, just before I think the jam is about to reach setting point.

DRINK

Grand grapes

Last month I spent three hectic days in the pretty, rolling countryside of St Emilion, visiting châteaux, tasting wines and being *intronisée* (enthroned), complete with Ermine Epaulette, into the ancient order of the Jurade de St Emilion, the fourth British woman, so I was told, to be made a Dame de la Jurade. But, given that the lady in front of me in the intronisation queue was a leading Egyptologist at the Louvre, it has to be said that these days Dames don't have the vinous cachet that perhaps they once did. My most important visit, in terms of availability, was to the Union des Producteurs, St Emilion's impressive co-operative whose 380 members own, between them, 1,000 hectares-plus of vineyards and produce over a quarter of St Emilion total production.



This immaculately kept and immaculately equipped place vinifies most of its members' wines separately, and can offer a host of different châteaux's wines and labels to British buyers. Majestic Wine Warehouses have just bought six different wines from the Union and all, bar one, are only available in the half bottle size. The best by far is the 1981 Côtes Rocheuses whose rich, chocolatey, cedary style is given away at £2.25 for a half-bottle. The bottle of 1983 St Emilion Grand Cru Spécial (£4.75) is almost as good. I enjoyed most its robust truffley-tobacco style. The 1982 Royal St Emilion Grand Cru with its lighter more approachable *chocolatey* character is another good half-bottle buy (£2.45).

The most exciting young St Emilion producer we met was undoubtedly the 40-year-old François Mitjavile of Château Le Tertre Roteboeuf (the name means the mound of the belching bullock). You will not find this château recommended in any of the books, although M Mitjavile has been making superlative wines from this gem of a five hectare, predominantly Merlot-planted, hillside amphitheatre site since 1978. A combination of picking late (up to two weeks after everyone else), low yields and high fermentation temperatures, and new wood has produced some sensationally good vintages here.

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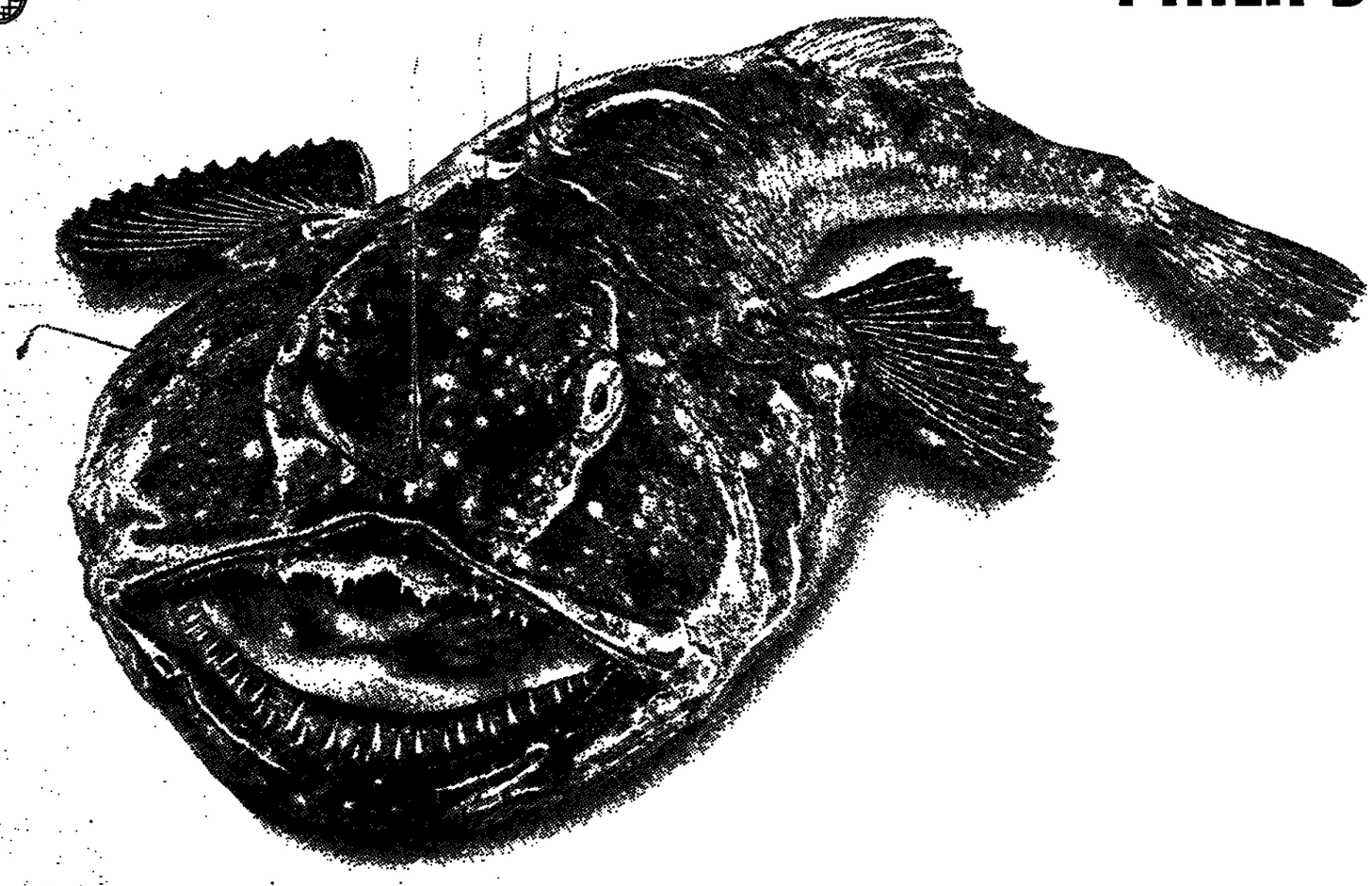
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THE ARTS

Political vox pop

Like many of us, Tony Benn likes the sound of his own voice. Unlike most, though, he likes the sound of it not just from within but as others hear it. A modest smile of contentment came across his pallid face, like that of a musical connoisseur, wishing to acknowledge beauty without disturbing it with too strong a show of emotion, as he listened in *The Benn Diaries* (Channel 4) to a tape recording of a dictated diary entry.

The voice itself is not particularly pleasing, but, as with that other celebrated political iconoclast Enoch Powell, any deficiency in tone is more than made up for by its remarkable articulacy. This facility for fluent, conversational speech has enabled Benn to dictate nearly every night for 25 years lengthy comments on the day's events. It also makes him very good on television — much better than more traditional parliamentary orators such as Michael Foot. Indeed, the programme confirmed that in many ways he

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makes a much better political commentator than a politician. This is not just because of his communication skills but even more so because, whether you agree with him or not, he forces you to think more seriously about the fundamentals of our constitution and political system than most television commentators. Even those who believe that the monarchy and the House of Lords are prices well worth paying, that America should exert some control over our nuclear industry — military and civilian — and that our security forces should interfere with our democratic processes would have been provoked by Benn's analysis into clarifying their thoughts.

Unfortunately, unlike most professional television commentators, Benn has had political power. As he sat proudly, if not appropriately, in Keir Hardie's chair his words were undermined by the fact that history will probably remember him as a politician who in office promoted Concorde and nuclear power and out of it helped to keep his party in opposition by embracing fantasy and the unfeasible with the conviction of someone who is politically so foolish as actually to say what he means.

'But Benn's qualities as a speaker were easily surpassed by those of that extraordinary actress Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies who showed in *Omnibus* (BBC1) that at 97 she can still recite Juliet's speeches better than any 20-year-old. Alas, she has not recorded her voice every day.

Andrew Hislop

It was said to be Herbert von Karajan's final London concert. **Paul Griffiths** was there

All for the maestro

Berlin PO/Karajan
Festival Hall

CONCERT

The maestro enters. He has come to the edge of the platform on the arm of an assistant, and now stands. Like a cat observing his prey, he has his eyes fixed on the podium, which seems challengingly distant at the tempo of his approach.

Like a man walking through water, he rolls, supported by a chain of hands held out in alternation by his first violins and violas. At last, the destination reached, the leader moves forward to offer the baton.

The whole process takes perhaps no more than 15 seconds, but it has established the aura: this is charisma holding on with the fierce tenacity into its ninth decade.

But the performance of Schoenberg's *Transfigured Night* is valedictory, as if projected out from the love music at the end of Mahler's Third Symphony to presage the death song at the end of his Ninth.

The moments of tension and drama register strongly; the dialogue of double-basses and upper strings for the voices of the lovers is graphic; and the variations of texture make their full effect.

Yet the speed generally is slow; phrases are followed into their fading; and the superb blending of the Berlin Philharmonic strings produces a richly sombre colour, even in the appeased coda.

The maestro does not seem to generate the music so much as to preside over it: except for a moment close to the finish, when he turns to encourage the first violins in their last high melody, he keeps his head still, towards the cellos in the middle, and his gestures are level, just sufficient.

Brahms's First Symphony is quite different. He moves a little more, but the impression of aloofness, even disengagement, is no less powerful.

What has changed is the behaviour of the orchestra, for this is Brahms done with driving passion: the sound, which in the finale reaches a loudness extraordinary even for this orchestra at full size (quadruple wind, strings to match), and the intensity might better go with the balletics of a Bernstein.

They hardly connect with this dispassionate figure, so that it seems the orchestra is making an offering to him, striving to sound as intent, as committed and as beautiful as they know how.

And they do so as one. Even the solos for oboe (a lovely mellow sound, as golden as the instrument in the player's hands) and clarinet in the slow movement sound like particularities of a versatile but single sounding substance.

Even the hard, metronomic beats of the timpanist in the explosive opening to the first movement are part of the whole. Even the uproar of the horns in the finale is embedded.

The maestro, perhaps with the faintest trace of pleasure as he turns to the audience, leaves.



His appearances here have been infrequent: Herbert von Karajan

Few airs and many graces

ROCK

Dionne Warwick
Dominion

Stars are like small children: when they're not showing off, they're begging for our approval. Strutting or cringing, they live out the audience's fantasies of a life without responsibilities. Dionne Warwick, though, is not like that. Her on-stage demeanour is that of an ordinary human being, just like you or me. The possession of one of the most extraordinary voices in all popular music does not, in her view, give her a licence to put on airs.

This unusual lack of self-importance shows itself most clearly in her introductions, which are wry to the point of self-deprecation, and feature the kind of lazy timing that makes entire careers in the world of stand-up comedy. More importantly, her refusal to play the usual games fits perfectly with the character she is required to portray in the songs for which she is most famous. "Close to You", "Walk on By" and "I Say a Little Prayer", all of which came in an opening medley culled from



Human touch: Dionne Warwick

the Bacharach-David songbook, are about mundane lives, the very opposite of the usual modern diet of random *jottings from the pool* of the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Such was the genius of the lyricist Hal David, whose 10-year partnership with Burt Bacharach, composer of the skewed melodies — half uptown rhythm and blues, half Broadway show — and arranger of unconventional instincts, *still seems one of the most* productive in post-war popular music, and in Miss Warwick they were fortunate to find their voice.

Her roots are in gospel, and she studied classical music before making her solo debut in 1962, aged 21, with "Don't Make Me Over". That song, like its great successor "Anyone Who Had a Heart", was unsentimentally omitted from her repertoire on Thursday night; but enough of Bacharach's darting chromatic melodies were included to demonstrate her technical ingenuity. "Alfie", too, showed her adroitly circumventing a perhaps temporary weakness in the upper register; the poignant "Any Day Now", one of the rare early-Sixties Bacharach-David songs which she did not make famous, was perhaps the pick of the whole evening.

Naturally enough, she is anxious that we should hear her newer material; but "That's What *Friends Are For*", "Reservations for Two", "Déjà Vu" and others tend only to emphasize the *concentrated intelligence of* the Bacharach-David pieces. She deserves, too, something grander than *the five-piece band* which, using synthesizers to mimic the sound of flugelhorns and choirs, *gamely approximated* Bacharach's masterpieces.

Richard Williams

Barber shop stars

OPERA

The Barber of Seville
Coliseum

The stars of Seville remain much *the same in this revival as when* Jonathan Miller's production of Rossini's *Barber* was first staged by *English National Opera*, last autumn. Its chief strength is the relationship between Della Jones's *Rosina* and *Rodney Macann's* unusually menacing Bartolo.

One senses a new, winning vulnerability softening this most militant of Rosinas, but vocally Della Jones remains magnificently assertive, particularly in her stunning demonstration of *coloratura* assurance (she is a model of clarity amid much *slithering from others* on the stage).

In one sense, though, this Rosina is unbelievable: *how on earth* can she prefer the anaemic, portly Almaviva, portrayed by Jeffrey Talbot (who, *in his soldier kit*, looks a dead ringer for Benny Hill) to Macann's Bartolo?

Bartolo sings *with far more* jealous passion for the lady (particularly in a brilliant "A un dottor") looks no older, and moves rather less tubbily. It makes the opera's whole motivation seem shaky, and no amount of clever Harlequin allusions from Miller can compensate for that.

From the Australian-born Peter Coleman-Wright, on his Coliseum début, there is a likeable, if lightweight, Figaro. His opening number revealed plenty of agility and a fair amount of beef in the baritone, but some of his nuances in the recitatives (where Amanda and Anthony Holden's translation sounded wittier than ever) hardly carried over the footlights.

Other newcomers this season include Richard Van Allan's gravelly Don Basilio — shading a little into his Pooh-Bah at times, but still rich in seasoned comic touches — and Hilary Western's credible, sturdily sung Berta.

In the pit, Stephen Barlow keeps proceedings very tidy, carries off one or two good effects (an atmospheric string *ponticello* for "A un dottor", for instance), and executed some subtle pace adjustments to ease the trickier arias along.

A few of the crescendos overwhelm the singers too soon, but the main requirement from Barlow now must be a bigger feeling of chuckle and vitality in the orchestra.

Richard Morrison

POEMS *for* Great Ormond Street

THE HEART ASKS

Michael Schmidt

It wasn't snowing but it should have been.
You were an old man, nine months from the grave.
Your hand was very dry and very hot
And large, as I recall (I was a boy,
Fourteen years at most, I led you round
Part of the school, your guide; you seemed to listen).
That night you read in a slow, dismissive voice
That left the words like notes on staves hung in the air,
No longer yours, but part of memory —
You talked about Miss Dickinson of Amherst
And said aloud the eight lines of her poem
'The heart asks pleasure first.' And from that night
I've known the poem word-perfect, part of me.

I think you let more lines free into language
And memory with your rusty, lonely voice
Than any other poet of our age.
It must have been like freeing doves
And watching them go off to neighbouring cotes
Or into the low clouds of your New Hampshire
Knowing they'll meet no harm, that they'll survive
Long after the hand that freed them has decayed.

Those lines are wise in rhythm and they lead
Into a clapboard dwelling, or a field,
Or lives that prey upon the land and one another,
Or the big country where we both were children.

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This poem appears in First and Always, *a collection of new work given by poets in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital Wishing Well appeal. Compiled by Lawrence Sail, it is published in paperback by Faber and Faber on October 10 at £5.95. All proceeds will go to the appeal.*

THEATRE

Dramatic score

The Marriage of Figaro
Crucible, Sheffield

Beaumarchais's comedy enjoyed only two years of independent stage life before being gobbled up by Mozart and da Ponte who — with all respect to that sublime partnership — succeeded in hiving off an inflammatory work within the conformist walls of the opera house. It is a rare experience to see the unaided Beaumarchais going into action with the gloves off.

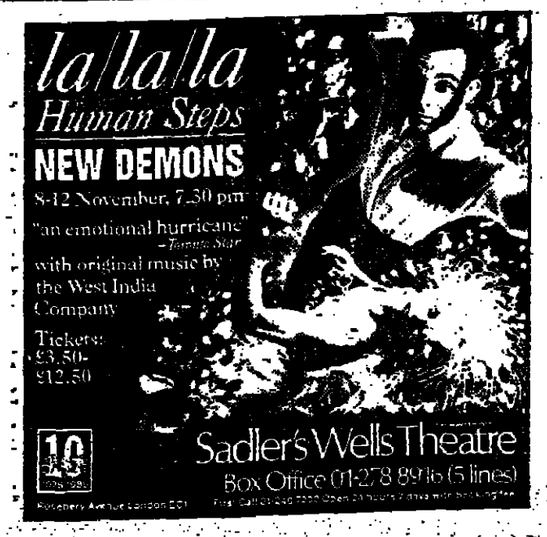
Admittedly, when the National Theatre gave him that chance in *the 1970s, the play floundered.* Not so this version, translated and directed by William Gaskill, *which is as exhilarating as a cold* shower after the voluptuous comforts of the opera. Again and again you find yourself waiting for a song that never comes. Instead you get nakedly stinging dialogue and undistracted focus on one of comedy's most perfectly articulated intrigues.

Gaskill deliberately plays on operatic expectations by substituting a quaveringly amateurish song for *Voi che Sapete*, thus intensifying the sense of Cherubino's romantic agonies. By contrast, there is accomplished violin and guitar playing from Patrick Collins and Michael O'Connor (a wickedly crafty Bazile) who link the scenes.

The action is whipped along by a team of principals whose flair and aggressive timing is matched by their rapport. Myriam Cyr's Suzanne bubbles over with mischievous virtue, Ian Fitzgibbon's lubbery Cherubino squirms irresistibly and Alison Fiske raises the Countess from languishing melancholy into resolute composure.

These characters' serious plight is starkly expressed through the relationship between Figaro (Jim Findley) and the Count (Paul Whitworth) — former allies now turned adversaries. There are scenes where they refer to the old days; always revealing that the smoothly charming master is loyal to nothing beyond his own desires; and that Figaro may find his wits no match against the power of entrenched privilege.

Irving Wardle



THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

A Turner postscript

The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford is to lend the Clore Gallery in the Tate some of the last letters written by J.M.W. *Turner. It has* inherited the collection from Hazel Carey, of Swindon, who died in June. In the usual bathetic style of famous last words ("I think I'll have that pork pie", etc), Turner, who ended up a virtual recluse in Chelsea, appears to have had his eye on picture sales rather than posterity in his final days. In the one intimation of his mortality, the artist confides in gin-soaked hand: "I am and have been so bad and fear the worst my limbs are so weak."

Risky money

A new row has broken out over the Arts Council's funding priorities after the resignation of Bill Pryde, director for six years of the Cambridge Theatre Company (CTC), one of Britain's leading



Harold Pinter and Edward Bond

touring theatres. He says he has been forced out because the council is no longer prepared to back venues willing to take artistic risks. "Regional audiences are not only being starved of new plays but are now not being offered modern classics such as a Pinter or Bond; even Orton is seen as dangerous in some quarters." Ian Brown, drama director at the Arts Council, who has recently questioned CTC's choice of productions, says he is bewildered by Pryde's allegations. But he adds: "We have drawn attention to the need for CTC to consider the balance of its programme of work in relation to its audience needs and to sharpen its marketing image."

Juggling act

Michael Davis, whom few would dispute is one of the greatest jugglers in the world, has left the hit show *Sugar Babies* at the Savoy Theatre after just two weeks. Davis, who got some of the biggest cheers of all at curtain call, has been quietly replaced by Steve Rawlings, who, although a consummate professional, is not his equal. Noel Gay, the producers, say Davis had other commitments but that he should be back by the end of the year. His name will be removed from programmes when they are reprinted.

Andrew Billen

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THE ASTRONOMER'S GARDEN: World premiere of piece by Kevin Hood, set in Greenwich Royal Observatory, 1717.
Croydon Warehouse, 62 Dingwall Road, East Croydon, Surrey (01-680 4060). Opens Fri.

BARTHOLOMEW FAIR: Ben Jonson's panoramic low-life comedy, directed by Richard Eyre, with John Wells, Michael Bryant.
Olivier, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Previews from Fri. Opens Oct 20.

CAN-CAN: Cole Porter's Montmartre musical, with Donna McKechnie, Milo O'Shea, Bernard Alane, directed by David Taylor. New book by Julian More.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Previews from Fri. Opens Oct 26.

THE WORLD OF MY DREAMS: Ida Rachel Kaminska State Yiddish Theatre Company from Warsaw, opening B'Nai B'rith Jewish music festival.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tonight and Sun-Thurs only.

OUT OF TOWN

BELFAST: Culture Vultures: New play by Robin Glendinning (prize-winner with *Mumbo Jumbo*), directed by Roland Jaquarello.
Lyric Players' (0232 381081). Opens Wed.

BOLTON: Cricket at Camp David: World premiere of Jenny McLeod's tale of a West Indian family settled in Britain.
Octagon (0204 20661). Opens Wed.

COVENTRY: Asylum: Sarah Miles, Philip Lowrie, Peter Attard, in the world premiere of a play by Paul Kember. Transfers to the Lyric, Hammersmith.
Belgrade (0203 553055).Opens Tues.

LEEDS: COLOURS: British premiere of Jean Binnie play about Jane Barry, 18th-19th century woman, the first ever to qualify as a doctor, who joined the army disguised as a man and later got pregnant . . . Directed by John Harrison.
Playhouse (0532 442111). Opens Thurs.

LEICESTER: CREON: World premiere of Stephen Spender's re-telling of the story of Antigone, daughter of Oedipus. Directed by John Dexter; playing with *Julius Caesar* here, in Belfast and on tour in India.
Haymarket (0533 539797). Previews from Thurs. Opens Oct 18.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: RICHARD III, HIS DEATH: Third part of The Plantagenets, new trilogy created by Charles Wood out of four Shakespeare plays. Directed by Adrian Noble.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Thurs. All three open on Oct 22.

CONCERTS

NEW DAVIES: The UK premiere of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's Trumpet Concerto is given by John Wallace with the Philharmonia under Giuseppe Sinopoli. Fore and aft: Elgar's *In the South* Overture and Mahler's lengthy Symphony No 1.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.



FISCHER-DIESKAU: Richard Strauss's Lieder are sung by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (above) and Hartmut Holl at the piano.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc01-928 8800). Fri, 7.45pm.

CONTINUING REVOLUTION: The "Relectant Revolutionary" series carries on with Lothar Zagrosek conducting the BBC SO in Brahms's *Schicksalslied*, Alto Rhapsody, *Gesand der Parsen* Schoenberg's *Begleitmusik zu einer Lichtspielszene, Die gluckliche Hand* and *Moderner Psalm* Op 50c. Brigitee Fasbander, Roland Hermann and the BBC Singers are among the voices.
Royal Festival Hall. Mon, 7.30pm

FROM BERLIN: Claus Peter Flor conducts the Berlin Symphony Orchestra in Dvorak's Symphony No 9 "From the New World," Saint-Saëns's Piano Concerto No 2 (Cecile Ousset, soloist) and Prokofiev's Symphony No 1 "Classical."
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Tues, 7.45pm.

BERNSTEIN'S BERNSTEIN: The LSO is conducted by Berstein in his own *Dybbuk* and *Fancy Free* Suites, Copland's Short Symphony and *El Salon Mexico*. This concert is repeated on Thurs Oct 13.
Barbican Centre. Wed. 7.45pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Yuri Lyubimov's new production of *Das Rheingold* tonight, Tues and Thurs at 8pm. On Mon and Wed final performances of *Turandot*.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight, Tues and Fri at 7.30pm; revival of Jonathan Miller's *Barber of Seville*. On Wed and Sat Oct 15 at 7pm; final performances of *Carmen*. On Thurs at 7.30pm; single performance of the new *La traviata*.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: Stephen Lawless's staging of the summer's new *Katya Kabanova* (Tues and Fri, 7.30pm); with *La traviata* (Mon and Thurs, 7pm), and *Die Entführung* (tonight and Wed at 7pm and Sat Oct 15 at 5pm).
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111).

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: The autumn tour starts at Birmingham, with two Balanchine productions. *Theme and Variations*, to Tchaikovsky music, is new to this company; it is given Mon-Thurs with *Les Sylphides* and *Petrushka*. *Concerto Barocco*, to Bach, follows on Fri with *Edge of Silence* and *Pineapple Poll*.
Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486) until Oct 15.

LONDON CITY BALLET: A new work by Marguerite Porter, *Garden of Eros*, with Frank Staff's dramatic *Transfigured Night* and dances from *Swan Lake*.
Theatre Royal, Windsor (0753 853888) Mon-Oct 15.

JAZZ

NORWICH JAZZ FESTIVAL: Opens with bluesman Lowell Fulson. Later attractions include Don Weller and Steve Williamson.
Norwich Arts Centre (0603 660352) Thurs-Oct 20.

JAZZ WARRIORS: Courtney Pine's 20-piece band continues its Contemporary Music Network tour.
Adrian Boult Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889) tonight; Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771) tomorrow; St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371236) Tue; Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester (061 273 4504) Wed; Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool (051 709 3789) Thur; Norwich University (0603 660352) Fri; Leeds University (0532 742486) Sat 15.

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The Red Rose Club, London N7 (info: 01-240 0083/889 9840) tomorrow.

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Wed and Thurs, Wag, London W1 (01-437 5534).

PHOTOGRAPHY

NORMAN PARKINSON: A retrospective for one of the most formidable experiments of fashion photography much of which owes its roots to a photo-journalistic style.
Royal Photographic Society, The Octagon, Milsom St, Bath (0225 62841).

GALLERIES

JIMMIE DURHAM: An installation called Pocahontas And The little Carpenter in London at an avant garde venue.
Matt's Gallery, London E8 (01-249 3799). From Mon.

TOULOUSE LAUTREC (1864-1901): 240 prints and posters, the complete graphic oeuvre, by the Moulin Rouge's artist-in-residence.
Royal Academy of Arts, London W1 (01-439 7438). From Fri.

SIR SIDNEY NOLAN: A retrospective of 50 years work by the Australian landscape painter and set designer.
Plymouth Arts Centre (0752-660060). From Today.

MADE IN SHEFFIELD: Work by seven craftsmen living in the city inaugurates this new public gallery.
The Ruskin Craft Gallery, Sheffield (0742 735299). From Today.

FILMS ON TV

EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS (1957): Lindsay Anderson's lyrical documentary about a day in the life of Covent Garden market.
Channel 4, Wed, 3.45-4.30pm.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HENRY VIII (1933): Rumbustious playing by Charles Laughton in Alexander Korda's famous excursion into English history.
BBC2, Thurs, 6-7.30pm.

The wonder of Wanda



Many film directors in their late 70s scarcely shift from their carpet slippers. Not so Charles Crichton (right), the Ealing veteran of *Hue and Cry* and *The Lavender Hill Mob*. John Cleese — long an admirer of Crichton's skills at directing comedy — pulled him out of semi-retirement and placed him at the helm of *A Fish Called Wanda* (15). It is an extraordinary comeback for a director who had long toiled anonymously in TV series (*The Avengers, Black Beauty, Space 1999*) and whose last cinema feature, *He Who Rides a Tiger*, was released in 1965. *Cleese's script* relates the madcap adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (Cleese himself), and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin) — the proud owner of a fish called Wanda. Despite the Britishness of the crazy humour, the film is clearly angled toward the US market, and people have been flocking to see it. Crichton had a stab at America over 25 years ago: he was set to direct *Birdman of Alcatraz*, but withdrew after disagreements with Burt Lancaster. Now, aged 78, he has finally conquered the country with John Cleese and a fish. Plaza, Regent Street (01-437 1234), from Friday.

Geoff Brown

RADIO

IN SEARCH OF REMBRANDT: John Jacob, curator of the Iveagh Bequest, strips away the romantic legend of a painter who sacrificed himself for his art.
Radio 3, Mon, 9.20-10.05pm.

REMEMBERING O'NEILL: Opening Radio 3's celebration of the Eugene O'Neill centenary, Benedict Nightingale talks to the playwright Edward Albee.
Radio 3, Wed, 9.25-10pm.

ANY QUESTIONS?: Celebrates its 40th anniversary from the Palace of Westminster with a panel of Kenneth Clarke MP, Bryan Gould MP, Baroness Seear and Bernard Levin.
Radio 4, Fri, 8.05-9.05pm.

TELEVISION

JACK THE RIPPER: Four-hour mini-series which claims finally to reveal the Ripper's identity: Michael Caine as Inspector Abberline leads the investigation.
ITV, Tues, 9-10pm, 10.35-11.30pm.

BLIND JUSTICE: Jane Lapotaire and Jack Shepherd as defence barristers who create a radical new law practice in a drama series produced by Michael (*Edge of Darkness*) Wearing.
BBC2, Wed, 9-10.30pm.

A TASTE FOR DEATH: Latest in the series of stylish P D James adaptations, with Roy Marsden as the poetry writing detective, Adam Dalgliesh.
ITV, Fri, 9-10pm.

FILMS

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film, set in Liverpool in the late 1940s and 50s — a moving exorcism of family ghosts, ingeniously set to popular music. *With Freda Dowie, Peter* Postlethwaite.
Lumiere (01-836 0691), from Fri.

DREAM DEMON (18): An American girl searching for her roots comes to the aid of a socialite bride who experiences hideous nightmares. Fanciful British horror film, directed by Harley Cokliss; with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave.
Odeon West End (01-930 6111), from Fri.

LES PATTERSON SAVES THE WORLD (15): Barry Humphries's massively crude Australian diplomat makes his film debut in a cheerfully outrageous comedy, aimed at the *Crocodile Dundee* market. With Pamela Stephenson; directed by George Miller.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310), from Fri.

Theatre: Tony Patrick; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Photography: Mike Young; Television, Radio and Films on TV: Peter Waymark.

WORD-WATCHING

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FULIGINOUS
(b) Sooty, smoky, from the Latin *fuligo* soot: "I shall linger behind a turning or two, for to evade bessmirchment by your fuliginous torch."

CALLIBLEPHARY
(a) Make-up or other dye for the eyelids, eye-shadow, from the Greek *kallos* beauty + *blepharon* eyelid: "A supply of callibleparies for her eyes."

QUAIL
(b) American college slang from the 1800s for an attractive young woman: "Lotsa native Hoosier quail for the wayfaring birdwatcher to ogle"

CALIGULAR
(a) Referring to the extravagant sexual and violent excesses perpetrated by Caligula, the third Roman emperor; Barth: "I had nothing at all to do but spin indolent daydreams of absolute authority — Nerotic, Caligular authority of the sort that summons up officefuls of undergraduate girls, hot and submissive — leering professorial dreams."

SATURDAY RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Roland White

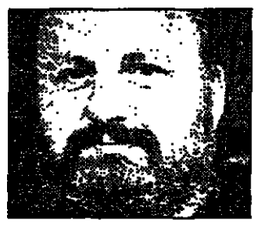


Andy Kershaw (R1,2.00pm)

● The other, and more news orientated Kershaw (Richard, of *The World Tonight*) would have brought back from Zimbabwe a wholly different report from that by the Radio 1 presenter whose fortnight spent investigating popular *music in Mugabe country has* produced **Andy Kershaw in Zimbabwe** (Radio 1, 2.00pm). Given that the guitar dominates Zimbabwean pop as it does British, it is surprising that so much of the traditional African sound still manages to come through, and though Kershaw may be guilty of *rhetoric when he says the* gospel music we hear is "the next best place to Heaven", he is right to enthuse about the music of the Bhundu Boys, a band whose lead singer, Biggie Tembo, is Kershaw's chirpy guide through the townships and to Victoria Falls, the plunging waters of which make some of the most exciting music featured in this entertaining progress through *what used to be Rhodesia*. Often, the only white face is Kershaw's.

Peter Davalle

CHOICE



James Anderton (R4, 5pm)

● There is not much music in tonight's **Down Your Way** (Radio 4, 5.00pm), which finds Greater Manchester police chief James Anderton in Wigan, but there are two sound reasons why it's strange we don't hear "Home, Sweet Home". Wigan is Anderton's home town. And it's where they make famous sweets called Uncle Jo's Mint Balls (10 tons a week) which have an unrivalled reputation. They feature in a popular song, which endowed them with the magical effect of reanimating a corpse. Mint balls and everything else in Wigan *reanimates James* Anderton himself. Wigan Pier, which began as a joke and is now a heritage centre; the old cotton mill where he is allowed to sound the end-of-shift hooter; and Central Park, home of the local Rugby League club, where there are no barriers because the only combat there is on the sacred turf. "My goodness me! I've enjoyed myself today", says the Chief Constable at journey's end. A voice inside me wanted to say: Hear, hear!

P.D.

CHOICE

Radio 1

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 10.30** and midnight
6.00 Liz 'n' Mark, with Liz Kershaw and Mark Goodier **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Adrian Juste **2.00** Andy Kershaw in Zimbabwe (see Choice) **3.00** The Saturday Sequence, with Roger Scott **7.00** *The Beeb's Lost* Beatles Tapes **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.30** The Ranking Miss P **12.00-2.00** Night Rockin', with Tommy Vance

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, *then at* **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** *and* hourly from **10.00**
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00** The *News Huddlines*. Comedy from Roy Hudd and his team **1.30** Sport on 2. Football, Golf, Rugby Union and Racing From Ascot at 2.30 and 3.35 **6.00** Cinema 2. Charles Nove presents his weekly look at the latest film releases **6.30** Brain of Sport 1988 **7.00** The Press Gang. Glyn Worship chairs the panel game based on stories from the tabloid *press* **7.30** *Melody Fills the Air*. Concert live from Cardiff: Dvorák, Grieg, Rachmaninov and Mendelssohn **9.30** String Sound. BBC Radio Orchestra conducted by Alec Gould **10.50** Martin Kelner **12.50** Night Owls with Dave Gelly **1.00** Ellis Hill with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the *British Press 9.15 The World Tonight* 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 Personal View 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter from *America* 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 World News 11.09 News about *Britain* 11.15 Lyrics and Lyricists 11.30 Londres Mag 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Sportsworld 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Sportsworld 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Sportsworld 5.00 World News 5.09 Words 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German programmes 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Americans in Europe 9.15 English Songsmiths 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 World News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.25 Nature Book 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Words 11.15 The Tony Myatt Request Show 12.00 *World News* 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Puccini and His World 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Play of the Week: Heart of a Dog 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 A Choice of Verse 2.30 *The Ken Bruce Show* 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Prompt! 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 648 Letterbox 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News 5.55 Financial News 6.00 World News and 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather and News
7.00 Morning Concert. Weber: Konzertstück for piano and orchestra, Op 79 (Dresden Staatskappelle under Herbert Blomstedt with Peter Rosel, piano); Josef Strauss: Delirien Waltz (Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Herbert von Karajan); Telemann: Concerto in E minor (*Musica Antiqua Köln* with Michael Schneider, recorder, and Wilbert Hazelzet, flute); Rossini: String Sonata No 4 (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Mozart: Thamos, King of Egypt, Entr'acte No 2 (Royal Philharmonic under Thomas Beecham); Rimsky-Korsakov: Procession of the Nobles (USSR Symphony Orchestra under Yevgeny Svetlanov)
8.15 The Week on 3.
8.30 News
8.35 Haydn and Mozart. Haydn's Trio in E flat, and Mozart's Trio in C, played by the London Fortepiano Trio
9.15 *Sweet Amaryllis*. Madrigals, sung by the Talks Scholars under Peter Phillips. Gibbons's The Silver Swan; Weelkes's Hark, All Ye Lovely Saints; Farnaby's Carters. Now Cast Down; Morley's Hark! Alleluia; and Wilbye's *Draw On Sweet Night*
9.30 Saturday Review, introduced by Richard Osborne. John Steane reviews recent releases. Plus and interview with Bernard Haitink about his current projects: Wagner's Ring and Mahler's Symphonies
1.00 News
1.05 *Taking Issue*. Broadcasting and the Arts. A debate between Gillian Reynolds, critic, and John Whitney, chairman of the IBA (r)
1.30 Liszt and the Piano. Reminiscences of Don Giovanni for two pianos, and Grand Concert Fantasy on Bellini's La Sonnambula for piano duet. Played by Kathron Sturrock and Piers Lane (r)
2.05 Kathleen Ferrier. Recordings of the remarkable contralto singing: Mahler: Ich atmet' einen linden Duft (with Vienna Philharmonic under Bruno Walter); Purcell: Sound the Trumpet (Come Ye Sons of Art) (with *Isobel Baillie, soprano, and* Gerald Moore, piano); Glück: Che puro ciel! (Orfeo ed Euridice) (with Netherlands Opera Orchestra under Charles Bruck); Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde (Julius Patzak, tenor, and the *Vienna Philharmonic* under Walter)
3.30 From the Festivals 1988. Lynn Harrell, cello, and Bruno Canino, piano, at the Bath Festival, play Bach's Suite No 2 in D minor, Shostakovich's Sonata in D minor, Op 40, and Brahms's Sonata in E minor, Op 38. During *the interval, a reading from* Kenneth Clark's autobiography, *Another Part of the Woods*
5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Critics Forum. Richard *Cork with Nigel Andrews*, John Peter and Hilary Spurling on: the TV drama *A Vote for Hitler* on Channel 4; the film *Good Morning, Vietnam*; *The Satanic Verses*, by Salman Rushdie; and David Hare's play *The Secret Rapture* at the National
6.35 Grieg and Nielsen. The first of four programmes by Lydian Mordkovich, violin, and Clifford Benson, piano. Grieg: Sonata No 1 in F, Op 8; Nielsen: Sonata No 1 in A: Op 9
7.25 *Man and a Girl in Winter*, by Elon Salmon.
7.50 Das Rheingold. The first part of Covent Garden's Ring Cycle
10.30 John Surman in concert
12.00 News
12.05-12.10 am Wolf 88

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Week from Norfolk. Will sugar beet soon be a profitable crop? **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today with news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30.** Weather at **7.55, 8.58**
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4 with Cliff Morgan **9.30** *Breakaway visits three* three islands in the Great Barrier reef, and comes back down to earth on Herm, one of the lesser-known Channel islands. Presented by Bernard Falk
10.00 News; Loose Ends. Ned Sherrin holds court with Robert Elms, Craig Charles, and Victoria Mather
11.00 News; Conference Special. Robin Oakley reviews the Labour *Party Conference in* Blackpool
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting
12.25 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams. With Peter Jones. Mark Wing-Davey, and Geoffrey McGivern. Plus Stephen Moore as Marvin the paranoid android (s) (r)
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Tony Benn, Edwina Currie, David Steel and John Mortimer (r)
2.00 News; Consuming Passions. Sarah Dunant on modern style and design
2.47 Treasure Islands. Penlope Lively, back with a *new series of the* children's book programme, asks what makes a classic children's book? (r)
3.00 Too Late the Phalarope, by Alan Paton, dramatized by Stewart Conn (s)
4.30 Science Now. Peter Evans and team tackle questions at the Radio Show. On his team of *experts, Dr Steve Jones*, Dr Peter Moore and Professor John Taylor
5.00 Six Lords A-Leaping. John Timpson talks to Lord Bridge, Law Lord (r)
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news returns for a new series (r)
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 News and Sport
6.25 Citizens.
7.10 Stop the Week. With Robert Robinson
7.45 Saturday-night Theatre A Man Flourishing, by Sam Hanna Bell. James Gault, a divinity student, returns from Glasgow to join a company of United Irishmen during the winter of 1798 (s)
9.15-9.50 Music in Mind *Richard Baker* presents a selection of words and music (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten. A reading, hymn and a reflection (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Flying with Fielder. Profile of hot-air balloon enthusiast Fred Fielder, who once had Rajiv Gandhi in his basket
10.45 The Best Day Of My Life. Marjorie Lofthouse talks to Dave Willetts, *star of Les Misérables and Phantom of the Opera*
11.00 The Fall of the Mausoleum Club. Final episode (s)
11.30 Radio Active. Comedy series set in a fictional local radio (s)
12.00-12.30 News and Weather
12.33 Shipping Forecast
***VHF** as LW except:*
1.55-2.00pm Programme News
4.30-6.00 Options: **4.30** Room to Listen, Room to Talk **5.00** Science on the Road **5.30** Get by in Arabic.

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.30, 4.30, 7.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00 Liz 'n' Mark, with Liz Kershaw and Mark Goodier **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00** Sunday Oldies with Mike Read **3.00** Going Live on Radio 1, with Phillip Schofield **4.00** The Chart Quiz **4.30** Chartbusters, presented by Bruno Brookes from the Radio Show **5.00** Top 40 with *Bruno Brookes* **7.00** The Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-2.00am** Scott on Sunday

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
4.00 Dave Bussey **5.00** Graham *Knight* **7.30** Roger Royle **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** *Alan Dell with* Sounds Easy **4.00** Orchestral Contrasts **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Charlie *Chester with Sunday* Soapbox **7.00** Thirty Minutes Worth **7.30** Klever Kaff. An affectionate tribute to the celebrated contralto Kathleen Ferrier **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour from Gunnislake, Cornwall **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Roderick Elms at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00** Ellis Hill presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
7.00 World News 7.09 *Twenty-four Hours* 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.45 Words 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 Americans in Europe 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Religious Service 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 News Summary 12.01 Play of the Week: *Heart of a Dog* 1.00 *World News* 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show 2.30 Prompt! 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Labi Americans 4.45 Letter *from America* 5.00 *World News* 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 World News 10.09 A Choice of Verse 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 A Green and Pleasant Land 12.00 World News 12.09 News about Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News Summary 1.01 An Artist in Normandy 1.45 The Spinners and Friends 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 *World News* 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Letter from America 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News 5.55 The Week on 648 6.00 World News and Twenty-four Hours 6.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather
7.00 *Hands Together*. Husband and wife pianists Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play Weber: Allegro, tutto ben marcato (Eight pieces, Op 60); Respighi: Six Little Pieces; Czerny: Brilliant variations on the Tyrolean theme from Auber's La Fiancée, Op 228
7.30 News
7.35 Heifetz. Beethoven: Trio in C minor, Op 9, No 3 (with William Primrose, viola, and Gregor Piatigorsky, cello); Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D, Op 35 (Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Fritz Reiner)
8.30 News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: Haydn: Symphony No 51 in B flat (L'Estro Armonico under Derek Solomons); Purcell: Come Ye Sons of Art (Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra under John Elliot Gardiner, with Felicity Lott, soprano, Charles Brett, counter tenor, and Thomas Allen, bass); Kabalevsky: Violin Concerto (USSR State Symphony *Orchestra under Dmitri* Kabalevsky, with David Oistrakh, violin); Poulenc: Les Chemins de l'amour (Felicity Lott, soprano, Graham Johnson, piano); Delius: Florida Suite (Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)
10.30 Music Weekly. Clive Brown and John Holloway discuss Beethoven's string quartets
11.15 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka, with Peter Donohoe, piano. Glinka: Overture to *Ruslan and* Ludmilla; Rachmaninov: *Piano Concerto No 1 in F* Sharp Minor, Op 1; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No 6 in B Minor, Op 74 (Pathétique)
12.50 Music for Four Hands. *Peter Frankl and* Tamas Vasary at two pianos play Britten's Introduction and Rondo alla burlesca, Schubert's Variations in B Minor, and Mozart's Sonata in D (K448)
1.50 Writers Talking. Michael Barber meets William Boyd
2.15 Dohnanyi and Arensky. Dohnanyi: Serenade in C, Op 10 for string trio; Arensky: Quartet in A minor, Op 35 for violin, viola, and two cellos. Played by the Arienski Ensemble
3.05 Choral and Orchestral *Concert. From the English* Northern Philharmonia under John Alldis and the Leeds Festival Chorus: Elizabeth Machonchy: Two Poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins; Bruckner: Ave Maria; John Tavener: Risen!; Puccini: *Messa di Gloria*
4.20 Scarlatti Sonatas
4.50 Celebrity Recital. Borodin String Quartet play Beethoven's Quartet in C Minor, Op 18, No 4, and his Quartet in A Minor, Op 132
6.15 Ragas and a Republic. Indian classical music
7.15 Scottish National *Orchestra, conducted by* Matthias Bamert, plays: Duparc: Symphonic poem: Lenore; Debussy: Rhapsody for clarinet and orchestra; Franck: Symphonic variations for piano and orchestra; Raff: Symphony No 5
9.10 Listening to. . . Arnold Schoenberg. A guide to the composer's work
9.55 Variations and Pieces for cello and piano. Beethoven: Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen, from Die Zauberflöte; *Hindemith*: Three Easy Pieces; Webern: Three Little Pieces, Op 11; Mendelssohn: Variations concertantes, Op 17 (Susan Salm, cello, Daniel Epstein, piano) (r)
10.30 Choral Evensong from Salisbury Cathedral
11.30 Telemann. Darmstadt Overture in D, played by the Concentus Musicus
12.00 News
12.05 am Wolf 88

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing and Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** *Morning has Broken* (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 On Your Farm. Les Cottington visits a Warwickshire farm about to be divided by the M40
7.40 Sunday
8.00 The Week's Good Cause. June Whitfield appeals on behalf of the National Hospital Development Foundation
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 *Letter from America*
9.30 Morning Service from the Baptist Church, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford
10.15 The Archers
11.15 News Stand
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Wally K. Daly (s) (r)
12.15 Desert Island Discs. The castaway is Terry Wogan. Broadcast live from the *Radio Show* (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from the Trostre Gardening Society, Llanelli
2.30 No Problem. Play by Mary Renston. Reg tries to take a secret Spanish holiday (s)
3.15 In Keeping With Tradition. Keith Allan meets North Yorkshire gamekeeper Stuart Cannon
3.30 The Christian Centuries, with Brian Redhead
4.00-4.47 Survival Of The Dafest. Alun Lewis joins a survival course on Dartmoor
4.47 Enquire Within, presented by Dilly Barlowe
5.00 Down Your Way (see Choice)
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 Famous for *15 Minutes*. Jenni Mills meets 1963 Mastermind, tube-train driver turned TV presenter Christopher Hughes
6.30 Cat's Whiskers(s)
7.00 News; The Root Of The Matter. Series reporting on key issues around Britain from the perspective of the people affected by them. *This week Heig Gordon* reports from Scotland.
7.30 Take The Money And Run, by Laurance Payne. A murder thriller, dramatized by Alan Downer (s)
8.00 Bookshelf. Nigel Forde with a new series.
8.30 The Keys to Creativity. In the second of four programmes Peter Evans sifts through the numerous attempts to find a biological basis for the accomplishments of creative people
9.00 News; Loves of the Great Composers: Debussy (s)
9.15 The Natural History Programme
9.50 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Crofters' Way. Ian Bradley samples the lifestyle of crofters in the Highlands and Islands (r)
11.00 Out of Order. Political quiz with Austin Mitchell, Julian Critchley, Janet Fookes and John Biffen
11.30 Seeds of Faith Gerald Priestland looks at the life *and music of Sibelius* (s)
12.00-12.30am News, Weather and Shipping Forecast.
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7.00-8.00 Open University: **7.00** Dean's Review **7.20** Social Sciences: Grapevine **7.40** Managing Schools **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** What's Your Game? **4.30** Cancer Check **5.00** Deutsch Direkt **5.30** *The Creating Eye*.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m;VHF-90-92.5. Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; VHF-95.8. BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9. World Service: MF648kHz/463m.

RECORDS

Rooted in tradition

ROCK

U2: Rattle And Hum (Island U2 7)
Keith Richards: Talk Is Cheap (Virgin V 2554)
Richard Thompson: Amnesia (Capitol EST 2075)
Freddie Mercury & Montserrat Caballé: Barcelona (Polydor POLH 44)

Halfway through a bravura live version of "All Along The Watchtower" on U2's Rattle And Hum, Bono adapts a verse of Dylan's song to his own lyric and sings: "All I've got is a red guitar, three chords and the truth". Rock group manifestos do not come much pithier than that.

Bono is clearly a man with a gift for the Messianic flourish, but even more impressive is the realization that with this epic collection – part live, part studio, part new, part greatest hits – U2 has gone a long way towards making such an elemental boast stick. This 72-minute double album (or single CD) is a work that manages not only to encompass the panoramic landscapes of contemporary global rock in a way that is achieved by only a handful of performers, but also to draw deeply from the wellspring of an older, properly earthed musical tradition.

The result is an embarrassment of riches. From the first moment – Bono introducing a hectic and convincing version of the Beatles' "Helter Skelter" to an over-excited crowd in Colorado – the album resonates to the sound of metaphorical apple carts being overturned. That bone-shaking opener is followed by the single guitar and stark folk poetry of "Van Diemen's Land", a new song, written and sung by The Edge, which fades surreally into a piece of *audio vérité*, as a journalist asks: "What has happened between the writing and recording of *The Joshua Tree* album and the tour and now the new songs?" For once Bono is at a loss, and his spluttering response is rescued by the opening chords of the Bo Diddley-style vamp "Desire", already the No 1 single in Britain.

At the heart of the album is a trio of untypical new tracks recorded at the Sun Studio in Memphis. "Angel of Harlem" is a relaxed groove incorporating the warm brass sounds of the Memphis Horns, "Love Rescue Me", a neo-country song with ropy chorus support and a born-again lyric from Bob Dylan; and "Love Comes To Town", a brilliant, tom tom-driven fire-and-brimstone rocker which features the voice and blues guitar of B.B. King as you have never heard them before. Here is the band making an overdue connection with the roots that they bypassed during their baptism in the post-punk climate of the late Seventies.

Rattle And Hum has a revelatory quality to it, yet the album is also an affirmation of the three-chord ethic, a celebration of the immutable principle that great rock'n'roll comes from the gut and is often played on red guitars.

Keith Richards has owned a few of those in his time; his album, Talk Is Cheap, is a beguiling collection which echoes his previous work but steers well clear of any temptation to be flash or to try to compete with the legacy of the Rolling Stones. Even so, there is ample evidence in the moody voodoo chant of "You Don't Move Me" and the stammering yet eloquent riff of "Whip It Up" to support the often-voiced theory that Richards is the soul of the Stones.

His voice is a reedy and battered instrument that rarely rises much above a ragged croak, but there is a familiar, characterful quality to his singing which his fans will love and the rest will have to put up with. Ever a rattle-and-hum man himself, Richards has no truck with the electronic gadgetry and clinical approach of modern recording techniques, and together with his co-producer, drummer Steve Jordan, he has come up with a selection of snare sounds not heard since the days of the ark. An engaging homage to Al Green called "Make No Mistake" features the Memphis Horns (recorded on one microphone by Green's producer Willie Mitchell) toothing away behind Richards's wistful mumbling about the vagaries of life and love. The song is typical of the album's honest intent and considerable charm.

Amnesia marks the return of England's greatest living guitarist, Richard Thompson, with yet more fire at his fingertips and blue murder in his heart. "Get your mittens off my gal/Or you'll end up as mincemeat, pal", he warns a rival, not altogether playfully, in "Don't Tempt Me", a riotously imaginative concoction of skirling guitar, barking stick bass, synthesized bagpipes and pummelled tom toms.



Fire, brimstone and riches: U2 mine musical traditions

Thompson's lyrical forte remains the vicious put-down, but the stinging attack of his playing is balanced both by the exquisite cleanness of his tone and by the gentleness of material like the ballad "The Reckless Kind" and a country-flavoured song with fiddle accompaniment, "Waltzing's for Dreamers". This is the latest in a long line of albums of unalloyed brilliance and it is hard to see what more he can do in order to connect with the popular imagination. Start being nice about people, perhaps?

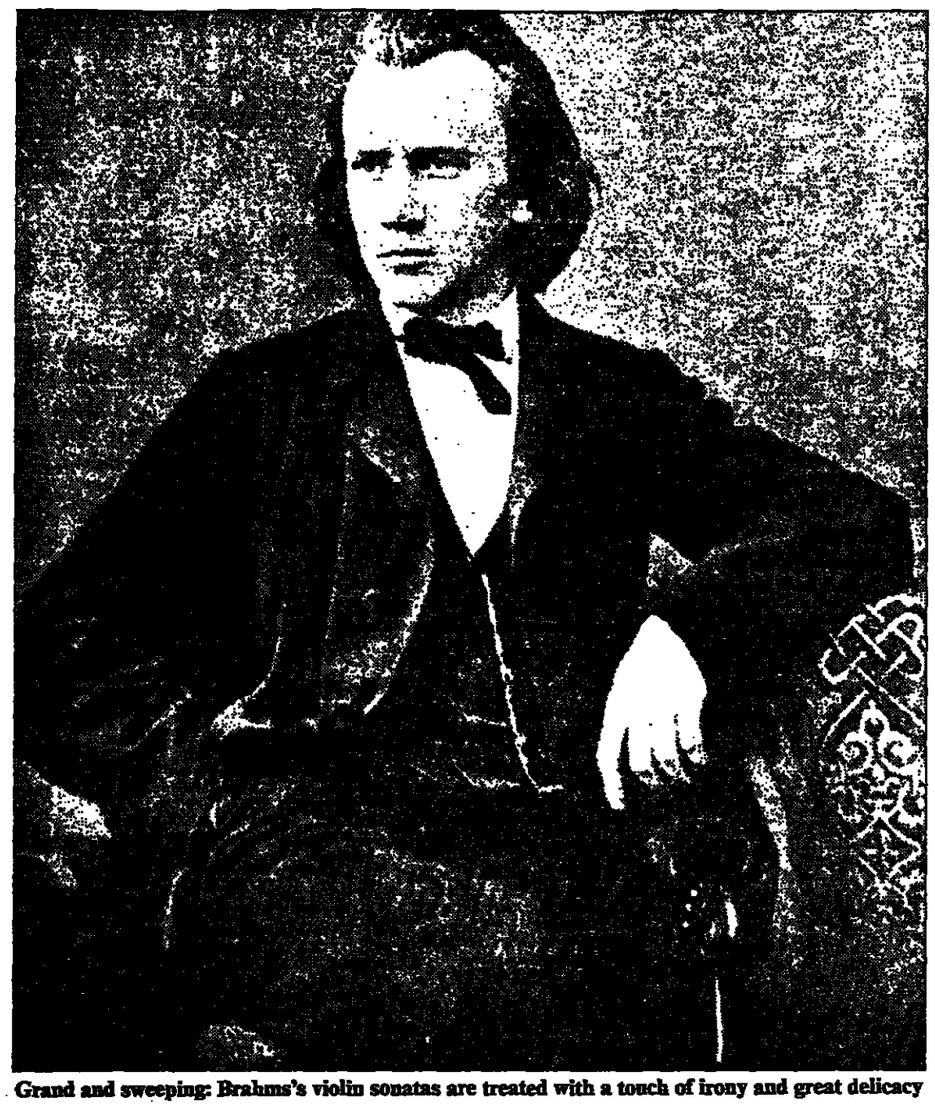
He could always opt to play the fool, in which case what better model than dear Freddie Mercury, reunited with his diva Montserrat Caballé? Encouraged by the success of last year's Top 10 single, "Barcelona", the duo has now produced an entire Barcelona album of similarly hysterical cod-operatic material. Caballé makes a reasonable fist of the job, trilling with incongruous precision around Mercury's much lazier, untrained enunciation. Despite ambitious claims on its behalf, the project is a mixture of high camp and farce – a lighthearted frivolity.

David Sinclair

Cool rule of Romantics

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Grand and sweeping: Brahms's violin sonatas are treated with a touch of irony and great delicacy

A recording of Brahms's three violin sonatas is perhaps an unlikely place to look for a bombshell, but I suspect a lot of people will be as astonished and delighted as I was by the playing of Gidon Kremer and Valery Afanassiev – and one really has to mention both performers, their contributions are at once so individual and so perfectly spliced together. Of course, Kremer has made a reputation as a musician whose intense control is matched by intelligence and a healthy dose of perversity; what is unusual here is that all the unusualness is justified, even necessary.

There is, for instance, a surprising lack of weight, but what it makes possible is an extraordinary delicacy and at the same time a tentativeness, which maintains a fresh, keen expectancy: the first movement of the A major sonata provides a good example. Brahms's autumn becomes a season of crispness and bare exposure rather than harvest.

This produces a sense, here and also most particularly in the slow movements, that the music has grown old, begun to feel a frailness in its capacities for extension, to move with circumspection: this is partly a comment on Brahms's historical position, but it seems to be also a comment on our historical position *vis-à-vis* Brahms. Kremer and Afanassiev both play with a clarity which implies examination and a touch of doubt, so that even the stormy rhetoric of the outer movements of the D minor sonata is made just slightly ironic. The phrases are certainly grand and sweeping, but the tight violin tone and the detached (in both senses) pianism leave a question in the air.

Such an approach, entertaining the notion of Romanticism but without being totally convinced, suits Brahms very well, but for Busoni is almost inevitable. So it is not surprising to find these musicians giving a remarkable account of Busoni's wild – here at times quite terrifying – E minor sonata as a giant filler. The work is a single movement lasting for nearly 40 minutes, a wide-awake nightmare of a piece for two musicians who share all its brilliant, perturbing and quixotic qualities.

Kim Kashkashian and Robert Levin produce playing of fineness and relevelatory power in what looks a rather unappealing project – a complete set of Hindemith's viola sonatas – but turns out to be a cornucopia of interest, beauty and surprise. Writing for his own instrument, particularly in the four unaccompanied sonatas, Hindemith achieved a very exact fitting of music to means: there is no padding, and the harmony becomes almost luminous in its clarity (Hindemith stands revealed as Boulez's companion in his mastery of the alto register).

Also, these sonatas meet Bach without the fussy preparations of other works: even the big passacaglia of the 1919 unaccompanied sonata sounds like the homage of an equal rather than a crabbed paying of debts. Kashkashian is able, while keeping her ears open to all Hindemith's references and complexities, to appeal also to his image of himself as a natural Musikant.

The achievement is rather strikingly pointed up by the comparative struggle the Orchestre de Paris solo violist has, in the DG Hindemith compilation, to make Der Schwanendreher sound halfway pleasant, though this performance comes with two much more brilliant offerings from the Boston Symphony under Steinberg. It plays the Concert Music written for it and the Mathis der Maler symphony, which responds just as well to American zest.

Another orchestra caught on top form is the Scottish National, producing lashings of energy and dark, troubled colour in Schoenberg's symphonic poem *Pélléas und Mélisande*. The performance is even more excellent than the one Matthias Bamert conducted at the Proms, and comes with the well-chosen bonus of Webern's Passacaglia, similarly concerned with D minor as a key of impending disaster. Who knows, with performances like this it may soon be unnecessary to keep plugging Schoenberg through retrospectives on the South Bank. Bamert and the SNO should now be encouraged to record the Variations and the film scene.

Meanwhile from Sir Neville Marriner in Stuttgart comes a recording of Mozart's *Davide pénitente*, which most people prefer to hear in its original form as his C minor mass, even though the revision adds an aria for the soprano and a particularly beautiful one for the tenor who had been Belmonte. The performance here is clear and straightforward, its most distinguished feature being the singing of Margaret Marshall, who is at her most smilingly vibrant.

It is youth and vitality that shines also in the recording of church music by John Sheppard, sung by The Sixteen under Harry Christophers. Sheppard was a younger contemporary of Tallis, and his music consists mostly of responds for the Sarum rite, written belatedly up to the first year or so of Elizabeth's reign. The style is musically and liturgically out of date: as outrageously medieval as Perpendicular architecture, and as richly flamboyant, most of the pieces here being in five or six parts, thrilling in their full texture and their high treble parts.

It is a much cooler style that the Hilliard Ensemble adopts for its collection of motets by John Dunstable, the outstanding English composer of a century before. This is vocal chamber music, performed with one voice to a part and offered as a sequence of objects for contemplation, which suits the speculative nature of Dunstable's art. The singing goes at an even *andante*, allowing time for the relishing of the harmony and giving space for the long melodies to breathe as they curl. Possibly the music could stand a harsher, less cherished tone, but the effortlessness of these performances outweighs any sense of undue propriety. These are the string quartets of the early 15th century, and they sound nobly beautiful.

Sequentia, an English-speaking (or rather, English-singing) ensemble based in Cologne, dive further back to provide an anthology of songs in English from the 12th and 13th centuries. Of these there are terribly few: the dozen recorded here constitute about half the surviving repertory, and form a pretty miscellaneous selection. There are three settings of St Godric's hymns (but not preserving the celestial music he heard), some short lyrics and a group of lays, none greater than "Worldes Blis", which sets the penitential, pessimistic tone: is it only an accident of rhyming that produced so much of blood and rood in the English middle ages? It is good to hear the lays sung complete, and the Sequentia singers, Barbara Thornton and Benjamin Bagby, have a robust despair that suits their material. Some of the instrumental work, especially in the interludes, is rather less believable.

Paul Griffiths

Lost gems

JAZZ

Oliver Nelson, King Curtis and Jimmy Forrest Soul Battle (Prestige PR 7223)
Charlie Parker The Original Bird (Savoy ZL 71854); **Bird Lives** (Spotlite/NME JU-6-7333 2 discs); **Boss Bird** (Official 83012-2, 2 CDs)



Collectable: Charlie Parker

Nobody talks much about Oliver Nelson these days, but for a handful of years in the early Sixties he was up there with the Coltranes, Taylors and Minguses in the vanguard of jazz development.

An unusually thoughtful saxophonist, he also blossomed as a composer and bandleader: a musical organizer, in fact, at home with both state-of-the-art sophistication and the plain old blues. All too soon, though, his facility landed him a career in Hollywood, where *Ironside*, *The Six Million Dollar Man* and other television potboilers occupied him until his untimely death from a heart attack in 1975, aged a mere 43.

To most modern jazz fans, Nelson's legacy probably consists of no more than one indelibly lovely tune: "Stolen Moments", which by now exists in dozens of instrumental and vocal versions, and *Soul Battle* now receives its first reissue since its appearance 25 years ago.

Its title gives away its intention to capitalize on the "soul jazz" fad of the early Sixties, which brought a self-conscious use of black gospel devices – such as amen cadences and call-and-response patterns – to the muscular contours of hard bop. Much of the resulting music doesn't bear listening to today. But *Soul Battle*, a once-only teaming of three fine saxophonists, stands up quite beautifully – for which much of the credit must go to Nelson, who composed four of the five tunes and whose guiding hand is clearly evident throughout.

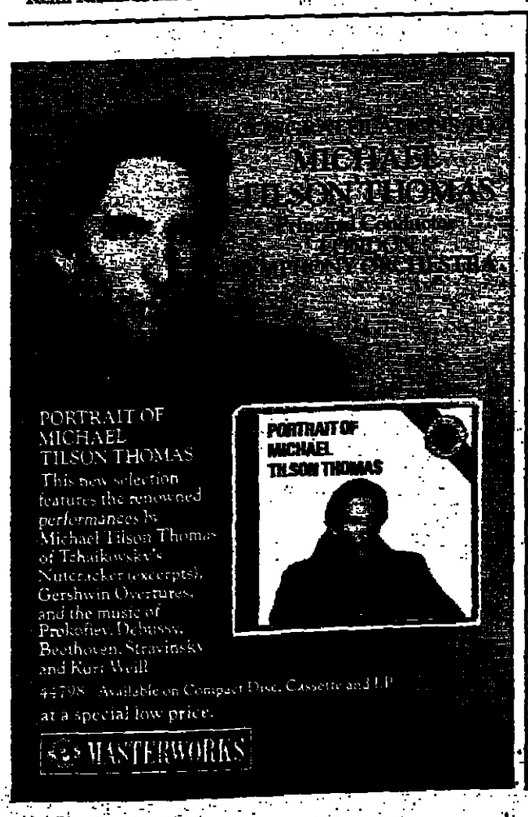
His own alto and tenor saxophones, which he played with a unique admixture of Johnny Hodge's creamy attack, Jackie McLean's piping tone and John Coltrane's enraptured concentration, make a fine contrast with the tenors of King Curtis, the rhythm 'n' blues specialist who was a far more distinguished jazz musician than any of the history books relate, and Jimmy Forrest, the mainstream veteran best known for introducing that perennial favourite "Night Train".

The repertoire includes a meat-and-potatoes fast blues, a modal tune in the manner of "Milestones", another blues milking the soul-jazz theme with a churchy 12/8 beat, a driving "Perdido", and a fascinating piece called "In Passing", whose line suddenly dives off into a harmonic digression which sets up fascinating hurdles for the soloists. There is hardly any of the sort of overt duelling one might expect from a gathering of macho tenorists, but for my money Curtis's improvisations are those which most successfully create their own atmosphere; he was aged only 25 at the time.

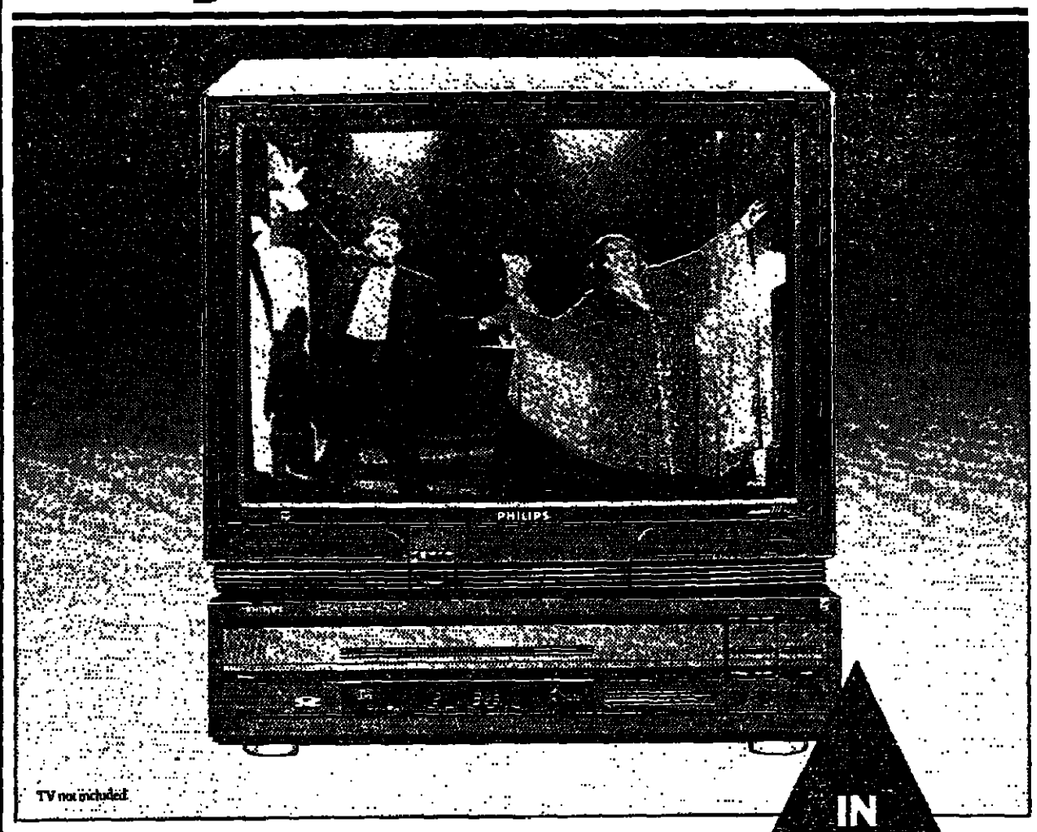
Only a couple of minor uncertainties bear out the truth of the old contention that the only difference between a Prestige record and a Blue Note record was a day's rehearsal; in every other respect, this one has its quality stamped all the way through.

The imminent release of Clint Eastwood's film *Bird* is focusing attention on the life and work of Charlie Parker. Three new album packages bring together most of the best of his recordings: Savoy's *The Original Bird* has two great blues performances, "Now's the Time" and "Parker's Mood", plus the dazzling "Koko"; the Spotlite/NME *Bird Lives*, a limited edition, collects material from the Dial label, regrettably including the tragic 1946 "Lover Man" session, at which Parker was too wrecked to play properly; and Official's double CD *Boss Bird* presents practically the entire span of his professional career. Any excuse to listen to one of the great individual voices of the century must be welcome.

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BOOKS

Life of duty versus desire

A biography of Charlotte Brontë reveals a new perspective on Haworth, says Fiona MacCarthy

Charlotte Brontë by Rebecca Fraser (Methuen, £14.95)

There are three good biographies of Charlotte Brontë: the *Life* by Mrs Gaskell written soon after her death; Winifred Gerin's book of 1967, which seemed at the time to be the last word on the subject, and now Rebecca Fraser's. The portrait which emerges is progressively more cantankerous and fervent.

This new book actually bears out the current theory in publishing that biographies are unassailable for 20 years, after which there is room for a new view of the subject. Fraser's viewpoint is different from Gerin's in her feminist obsessiveness with day-to-day minutiae of Brontë domesticity, and in her own quite obvious emotional identification with her subject.

In a book which is, more than anything, about the balance between duty and desire, there is a close alliance between subject and biographer, a very female anger at wastage, stinginess, bad management. One feels Fraser understands, at some deep level, Charlotte's consciousness of faculties unexercised.

A new perspective on the strange six years at Haworth after Charlotte's death has been given by the release of the Seton-Gordon papers: letters from Ellen Nussey, Charlotte's closest female friend, describing the uneasy alliance of the bereaved father and son-in-law, marooned together in the parsonage. It is a poignant study of human adaptability: Mr Brontë had at one time disliked Mr Nicholls deeply. There has also only recently been the revelation that the marriage settlement excluded Mr Nicholls from financial benefit from Charlotte's literary earnings. This is interesting and Fraser makes the most of it. But it is biographical flotsam and jetsam compared with the total pattern of the life.

Fraser has strong feeling for the textures and the rhythms and the physical descriptions. She is, I thought, particularly good on Brontë childhoods: the secret games and writings in such tiny lettering that no adult could decipher it; the fantasy landscapes, towers, turrets, which walled the children into their own world, the Glass Town.

The sense of the childlike, the separate, the innocent, which continued on into their adult lives (though Branwell's was so dissolute), and which was so accentuated by their appearance. Branwell was very small: only 5ft 3in, a reproach to the huge ox-like form of Mr Nicholls. Charlotte, too, was diminutive. Her looks reflected, and probably increased, her otherworldliness, her oddity.

Fraser rightly emphasizes the degree of alikeness she identified in Branwell, the ultimate Byronic hero, deadly and self-destructive. Charlotte recognized the histrionic in him and allowed it, and her own literary heroes show a similar acceptance of male imperfections. The clergyman's daughter, at a very early age, knew Mr Rochester by heart.

Her deep contrariness and much of her life's agony arose from such extremes: her female and religious sense of quiet and decorum, and an opposing vision of male selfishness and splendour.

I like the idea that Charlotte Brontë so instinctively despised the slitheriness of foreign ways at the Pensionatt Heger. Fraser's depiction of Mme Heger, surreptitious in soft slippers, is appallingly convincing and much less sympathetic than Winifred Gerin's version. And was M Heger really so blameless in his conduct? He was after all responsible for that all-time symbol of eroticism, the seductively fragrant cigar of Mr Rochester.

Fraser also offers a new interpretation of Charlotte's decision to return to Brussels, the decision which was afterwards to bring her such great anguish. This has usually been seen as an act of affirmation, a knowing flight towards adultery. Fraser argues that, given Charlotte's background and her fundamentally conventional attitude to marriage, she would not have gone if she had known. Her new view of Branwell's ill-fated liaison with Mrs Robinson is, I think, questionable. She is patient in unravelling the background of the lady Mr Brontë called the "diabolical seductress". She maintains that such a shrewd and worldly woman was unlikely to have embarked on a serious affair with her son's impoverished tutor. This ignores the sexual provocation of patronage. Surely it was (and still is) just that sort of woman who finds penniless young tutors irresistible?

There is some fresh and illuminating comment on Charlotte Brontë's friendships with other women writers of her period, especially with Harriet Martineau. The friendship ended in upset when Miss Martineau, a woman for plain speaking, wrote about *Villette* to Charlotte: "I do not like the love".

Did Charlotte coin the phrase "your own woman"? She certainly used it in a letter to her friend Mrs Gaskell: "Do you find it easy to be quite *your own woman*?" She herself found it inordinately difficult, both in her life and writing, though more feasible in the latter than the former. Fraser sets out to show where she drew her boundaries of radicalism and how much more daring she was in literature. In her books her passionate truthfulness erupted in a manner which rebounded on her daily life and her domestic reputation. In the matter of writing she had to have her way. That being so, it has always seemed so inexplicable that she would tamper with the writing of her sister Emily after her death, rewriting and excising, modifying punctuation, censoring the dialect of *Wuthering Heights*.

Perhaps it must be seen as a victory for the conventional, quiescent aspects of her nature, the nature which attuned itself to Mr Nicholls.

Strangely, it is something this conscientious and only occasionally *Woman's Own*-ish biography of a great writer does not quite manage to explore.



Stout copper, strong plot

CRIME

In **Joey's Case** by K.C. Constantine (Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95), police chief Mario Balzic, nagged incessantly by the dead man's PA, reluctantly queries the popular conclusion that the non-lamented killing was a justifiable homicide. Balzic is one of crime fiction's most three-dimensional and interesting coppers: terrific dialogue and a crackling plot, with splendid court sequences. Constantine is without question one of today's few great American crime novelists.

The Green Reapers by R.W. Jones (Michael Joseph, £11.95) has doughty but gloomy Inspector Evans and side-kick Beddoes volunteering for a delicate Irish mission. They are treated to duplicity among shamrock revolutionaries and English secret service alike, climaxing in a docklands hostage siege. Strong story with well-drawn central characters and disturbing descriptions of place and mood.

Mrs, Presumed Dead by Simon Brett (Macmillan, £9.95) provides a welcome second appearance by Melita Pargeter, Brett's engaging rich widow with the questionable past. Exchanging the fatal gentility of the old folks' home in *A Nice Class of Corpse* for the fatal middle-class morality of nouveau suburbia, Pargeter pokes around with equally nosy relish.

John Creasey's Crime Collection 1988 is edited by Herbert Harris (Gollancz, £10.95). The many talents in the Crime Writers' Association (CWA) ought to be capable of producing a more sparkling anthology than this tired effort, the most disappointing for a long time. Too many gap-fillers, too few surprises and, sadly, not a brilliant newcomer in sight.

Child Proof by Michael Z. Lewin (Macmillan, £9.95) offers a violent, anti-social, obsessive worker at large in Indianapolis; childcare officials are at risk. Lewin's bleeding hearts and cops are convincing and unstereotyped, action is robust and the sensitive children-in-danger issues are handled skilfully, without slowing down the pace.

John Constable made only one visit to Oxford, when he may have produced an oil sketch and two pencil drawings, recently discovered and quietly on sale in Treasure in Oxford by David Williams (Macmillan, £9.95). Assorted greedy English and American academics, on hand for a meeting of an obscure wealthy foundation, become embroiled and murder is done. Banker sleuth, Mark Treasure, unravels the artistic and homicidal tangle. A civilized, mannered, old-fashioned read.

In **Eliza's Galliardo** by James Gollin (Quartet, £9.95), the Eliza in question is Elizabeth I of England; her musical notebook with (who'd have suspected?) some of her own compositions, has emerged, followed by sundry dealers, priests and con-persons. The Antique Players – a sort of Five Make Old Musick Together – investigate and play. Very jolly, some spirited chasing, and much musical lore.

The Black Dahlia by James Ellroy (Century, £11.95) is a mesmerizing study in psycho-sexual obsession, based on a real Hollywood disappearance. Two 'tecs form a Freudian quadrangle with the dead good-time girl and her alive quasi-virginal *alter ego*. Extraordinarily well written; but not for the emotionally or physically squeamish.

Fear of the Dark by Gar Anthony Haywood (Macmillan, £9.95) is a good first, featuring a likeable black private eye, Aaron Gunner, forced at gunpoint by a beautiful seductress to ask dangerous questions, like why a young whitey wasted a couple of militant blacks in a Los Angeles bar just before a congressional election.

There is more of Florida attorney Matthew Hope in **The House that Jack Built**, by Ed McBain (Hamish Hamilton, £11.95). The victim is gay, the accused is his brother and the answer is in the distant past of a beer-brewing dynasty Middling McBain.

Marcel Berlins

Spellbinder in bondage



Ghosts in the Mirror by Alain Robbe-Grillet, translated by Jo Levy (John Calder, £10.95)

Soon after Alain Robbe-Grillet had received his initial literary celebrity in the mid-Fifties – a period he refers to as that of his "terrorist activities", which is apt enough given the way he was regarded then in France and probably still is, if at all, in this country – he was entertaining some writers at his parental home in Britanny, on the outskirts of Brest. These writers, some of whom had been active in the Resistance, sat down with Robbe-Grillet *père* to share his habitual dinner of *bouille d'avoine*, a sort of gruel. From the top of a sideboard there smiled down on them a photograph of Pétain, a photograph which, Robbe-Grillet claims, was to be found in 90 per cent of French homes during the four years of the Vichy administration. The writer Jean Duvignaud remarked: "Ah, you've kept the Marshal's photo." Robbe-Grillet *père* replied: "No, no – I haven't *kept* it. I put it up on purpose the day the American troops entered Paris."

The author's parents, with whom he lived until well into his thirties, were *petit bourgeois* subscribers to *L'Action Française*, the extreme right-wing paper of the 1930s; they were anglophobic, nationalistic and anti-Semitic.

The son describes this worrying pair with vivid equivocation; and he places them, socially and morally, within the context of their generation and their backgrounds. What? What is this – Robbe-Grillet, of all people, writing about social context, depicting the world as finite, conforming to the formulae of representation that he has for 40 years railed against? Has he repined at his early apostasy from the church of naturalism? The answer, typically, is yes and no.

He began the composition of this autobiography in 1976; it was to have been published by Seuil in an immodestly titled series, *Ecrivains de Toujours*. When he embarked on it he clearly felt that the aesthetic programme he had pursued throughout his prodigious career was becoming worthless – it had become established; it was a norm; it had contaminated the whole of Western literature; most of all it had driven him into a cul-de-sac of self-parody – the aesthetic programme had become a cell. He thus set out to write in the traditional (French) confessional manner, the manner of his detested Stendhal.

He abandoned the manuscript after 20,000 words and took it up again seven years later, by which time, he suggests, there had occurred a violent reaction against "any attempts to escape the norms of traditional expression/representation". Hence he was able to continue with his book in the manner of his former self, safe in the assurance that he would be kicking against the new orthodoxy which was also the old orthodoxy against which he had directed his "terrorist attacks". In fact, there is no great disparity between the part of the text written in 1976-77 and that which he added to it in 1983-84.

Robbe-Grillet self-evidently abhors the notion of The Truth. In this enchanting fairy-tale the old spellbinder – who, despite his parents, immersed himself as a child in Lewis Caroll and in Kipling's tales of metempsychotic terror – inveats, as he has always done, his own truth, or truths. The most persistent character, one Henri de Corinthe, aka Comte Henri, belongs to childhood imaginings. A descendant of "the famous Lord Coryath", he might have arrived to the mind of the child who became the wonderful writer as an apparition from the mists and myths of Finisterre. In the light of this volume its author's *oeuvre* looks ever more as though it was founded in Celtic legend and tempered with the scrupulousness of a natural scientist obsessed by bondage.

Jonathan Meades

A conflict that lasted a lifetime

The War Poets by Robert Giddings (Bloomsbury, £13.95)

The poets of the First World War have seized the modern imagination, to become a myth similar to the 19th-century one of their Romantic predecessors – Byron, Shelley and Keats. In both groups individual lives and works interweaved to form a drama, glamorized by poetry and heroism, made potent by conflict and early death.

What distinguishes the later poets is that their lives were all engulfed by the same tremendous event, and whether they survived or not it has proved impossible to disentangle them from the war. Robert Graves, Siegfried Sassoon, and Edmund Blunden, found that this brief period in their youth, which would normally form a preliminary chapter in the story of an author's life, continued to dominate in some cases their later poetry and in all cases their reputations.

Robert Giddings charts the now familiar story of patriotic enthusiasm corroded by bitter realities, taking each year as a chapter from 1914 onwards, and dividing them into sections with summarizing titles such as "Rallying the Colours", or "Charles Sorley Enlists", to show how, as the war developed, the poetry and the poets changed with it.

At the end of each chapter comes the selection of poems. The range includes not only the big names but also those, lesser known now, who were influential in their day. Such were Jessie Pope, against whose patriotic sentiments Wilfred Owen reacted so strongly with "Dulce et Decorum Est", and the older poet, Laurence Binyon, remembered now if not by name by the lines in the Remembrance Day ritual:

They shall grow not old, as
we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning
We shall remember them.

The book is handsomely produced for the price and contains many illustrations, some in colour, to fill out the context in which the poets lived, worked and died, by showing how the visual artists were responding to the same extreme circumstances.

While not aiming for any new critical assessments, the book is a good introduction to the subject. As Giddings makes clear, both the popular and the critical responses to the First World War have undergone several changes, most obvious in the fluctuating reputation of Rupert Brooke, the legendary rise in status of Sassoon and his young friend Owen, and the more recent claims of Edward Thomas and Isaac Rosenberg.

Everyone thinks they can grasp the poetic experience offered by these poets; it is so graphic that it seems easy – too easy for some critics and for W.B. Yeats, who famously left them all out of his post-war anthology. Yet the work grows more interesting and complex as the years go by, compelling us back to this seminal drama of modern times.

Jean Liddiard

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting paperbacks published this week:

FICTION

An Eye for a Tooth by Dornford Yates (Dent, £3.95) Soppy, snobbish, but period-gripping, as Jonah Mansel investigates murder of English gent near Salzburg, and bumps into Duke Saul of Varvic (with a name like that he must be a baddy) unwholesome English thugs, and a beautiful but hap(hope)less American heiress.

Beloved by Toni Morrison (Picador, £3.95) Big historical and horror saga, set in Kentucky as slavery is coming under attack from abolitionists. Beloved is the baby daughter, who died at her mother's hands, and who will return to claim retribution.

Dai-San by Eric Van Lustbader (Grafton, £3.50) Samurai swords and sorcery in the legendary chronicles of the Sunset Warrior, by an author whose name says it all.

Leah by Judith Chemaik (Pavanne, £3.99) Feminist mother of two, in London to write a book about 19th-century women novelists, finds memory continually straying back to what it was like growing up small, Jewish, sexy, and clever in Brooklyn in the Fifties.

The African Trilogy, by Chinua Achebe (Picador, £6.95) **Things Fall Apart, No Longer at Ease, & Arrow of God**, Famous and vastly best-selling chronicles of 20th-century West Africa by the founding father of modern African fiction.

The Day of Creation by J. G. Ballard (Grafton, £2.99) Quest and allegorical novel exploring Central Africa and the human spirit, as idealistic doctor in dead-beat hell-hole east of Chad and west of Sudan dreams of bringing water to the Sahara, and opens the Nilotic floodgates of *Heart of Darkness* symbolism.

The New Confessions by William Boyd (Penguin, £3.99) Title refers to Rousseau; the book is a big chronicle and heroic attempt to corral the glancing form of fiction that suits the restlessness of modern life.

Whore Banquets by Matthew Kneale (Dent, £3.95) Sinister and witty little novel illustrating that East is least and West is best, as young Englishman teaching in a language school in the suburbs of Tokyo discovers that life in Japan isn't all polite smiles and reverent bows.

Written on a Stranger's Map by Roger King (Paladin, £4.95) International aid expert finds what the Third world is really about, as he follows tart with heart of ebony into poverty-stricken interior of West African state.

NON-FICTION

Britain and the Jews of Europe 1939-45 by Bernard Wasserstein (Oxford, £6.95) Cool, scholarly, but horrifying account of bureaucratic complacency, inhumanity, and blindness of the British official class to the Jewish catastrophe in Europe during the last war.

Death, Burial and the Individual in Early Modern England by Clare Gittings (Routledge, £8.95) Not the most sexy title of the year, but a fascinating historical and social study of the distinguished event that comes to all of us in the end.

For Better, For Worse by John R. Giles (Oxford, £6.95) Original, ambitious study that draws on a vast range of public and private sources to write the first comprehensive social history of British matrimony over the past four centuries.

Katherine Mansfield, A Secret Life by Claire Tomalin (Penguin, £3.99) Uncovering a complex character and a tragedy: that of an outstanding woman who found herself trapped by forces she had set in motion.

Modern British Sculpture from the Collection and Sculpture on Merseyside by Penelope Curtis (Tate Gallery, £5.95 & £4.95) Beautifully illustrated, scholarly but accessible annotations, long thin paperbacks for the pocket, describing treasures of Merseyside little known by soft Southerners.

On Boxing by Joyce Carol Oates (Pan, £3.99) Enthusiastic, anecdotal discourse on the sport of the brain-damaged, by a brilliant young novelist from the land where it is OK for feminists to enjoy men biffing.

Sunny Side Up by Arthur Marshall (New English Library, £3.50) Amiable, endearing, cheerful, optimistic collected pieces about such characteristic Marshall matters as old-fashioned teas and Christmas, village fêtes and the top halves of hotel manageresses.

The Female Wits by Fidelis Morgan (Virago, £10.95) Overdue and delightful resurrection of women playwrights of the Restoration, and the texts of six of their plays.

The Life of Kenneth Tynan by Kathleen Tynan (Methuen, £5.95) Honest, funny, painful biography of the wit, the charmer, the intellectual, the great theatre critic of our generation, the man in whose company it was impossible to be bored (and a right prat).

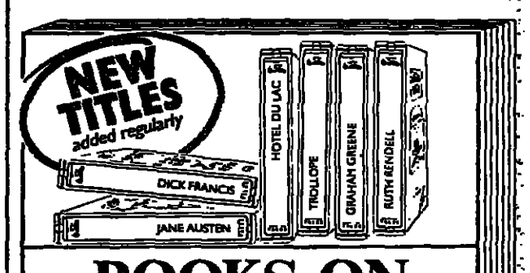
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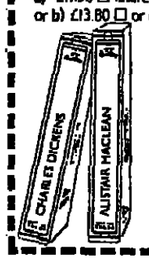
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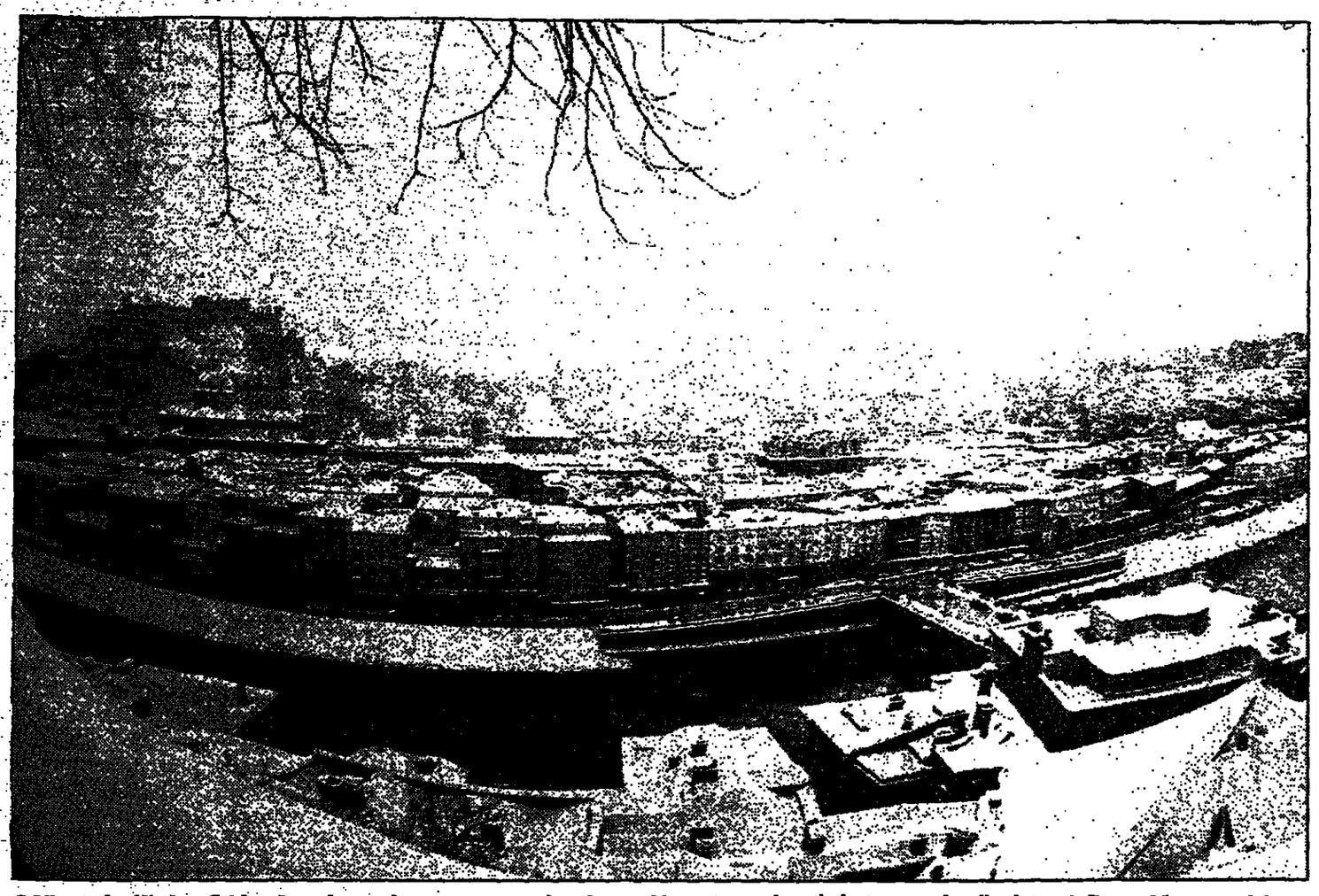
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TRAVEL

Joy of Mozart in a ski-free zone

Where is it written that mountain winter breaks must be only about skiing? Not in Salzburg, says Brian James







Sublime to the ridiculous: Salzburg has palaces and museums as some places have parking-meters, perhaps the best-preserved medieval street in Europe, Mozart — and the opportunity to ski close by, if you must

Sea is to summer as snow is to winter; yet who believes himself wimpish beyond redemption if he is not stamping in costume and flippers, with slung towel, at 8am, if he does not take his lunch standing up, the quicker to return to a "pleasure" he dare not leave until exhaustion and darkness arrive arm in arm?

Where is it written that mountain winter breaks must be about skiing and nothing else? Would it not be, at the very least, tolerable to have a holiday that embraced Mozart as well as moguls, to wonder at the variety of bird-song as well as the length of lift-queues, and to sit at dinner talking about a discovered café that goes back to Napoleon instead of a blister-forming ski-boot that must go back tomorrow?

The questions were my wife's. So was the suggested answer. We took ourselves to Salzburg (a favourite city of mine which she had still to discover) on what was a journey through the mind, slashing through thickets of attitudes, rather than our accustomed cross-Europe drove with the other skiing sheep.

The test we set ourselves was to relegate the previously most active part of a winter break, the skiing, to the minor place held by swimming or tennis or sand-castling on a summer holiday. And then to discover how well we could fill the void.

The first novelty was the need to plan. To sit at dinner with not just the piste map nominating which black expert-only runs we would conquer on the morrow (if snow and light were right, of course) but with bus timetables, guidebooks and concert programmes. It dawned over coffee on night one that far from "nothing to do", there might just be too little time in which to do it.

We had chosen St Wolfgang, a lake resort just awakening to the possibility that the crowds drawn by its beauty in summer would not exactly be depressed by its charm beneath a duvet of snow. A first-day walk above the 700-year-old village, through woods filled with birds sounding single notes of song like church chimes, was an instant reminder that hills do not have to reverberate with tannoyed din from piste-cafés.

Our hotel was the White Horse Inn, made famous in 1896 as the setting for the operetta *Im Weissen Rossl*. Inevitably, the hotel now leans a shade heavily on its zither-laden, horse-drawn image, but the timeless quality of traditional service, the spaciousness of rooms, the excellence of the food, came as a bitter reminder of what we have become willing to endure 2,000ft higher up.

If sitting around the hotel, watching moorhens coming into land on ice with grotesque consequences for their balance and dignity, seemed too idle, there was always curling, falling about the ice with brooms like drunken *hausfrau* to give moorhens their chance to giggle at us. More, *langlauf* was waiting to be tried. Too cissy for piste-bashers? Perhaps . . . yet, because of our unafraid familiarity with the sensation of sliding, it was idiotically satisfying to go straight to the top of the beginners' class, and then sublimely rewarding to disappear into silent forests to mingle tracks with those of marmosets and chamoix.

Sightseeing is another neglected element of previous winter breaks. Here, we only had to walk next door to St Wolfgang's famous church to stand mesmerized by its ferocious Gothic altar (in the silence, organ music seems to thunder in your head), or catch a local bus to Bad Ischl, a spa favoured by Emperor Franz Joseph, for coffee at the Café Launer, a pink and white confection of a place. Or to the Schloss Leopoldskron, the location set for that other confection, *The Sound of Music*. Then a ride home past houses like cuckoo clocks all bathed in a marvellous mountain light.

Then Salzburg itself, a city which has palaces and museums as some places have parking-meters. Worth the 40-minute bus ride for its classy shops strung along perhaps the best-preserved medieval street in Europe, its startling cliff-top fort of the prince-archbishops that looms so formidably above the plain to explain mutely how Salzburg was an independant state — the Rome of the North — for 1,000 years.

Above all, there is the music of Mozart's birthplace. To visit the bare-boarded apartment where the genius lived and learned was a curiosity; to see every shop now stuffed with Mozart-abilia is bearable, just. But to attend a concert in the glorious music salon of the Residenz where the young Mozart was one of the boys in the band and where, as concert-master, he later conducted first performances of many of his works, and then to walk through gentle-falling snow to the same cafés where he drank with the brothers Haydn, is to feel closer to his magic.

But surely there must be some skiing if the pact is not to crumple amid rage? There is. Just across the lake, St Gilgen has enough red-run skiing for one very good day, perhaps two, plus the best bird's-eye view of a lake of any restaurant I have seen. At Postalm (30 minutes by bus) there is more and easier skiing, say three half-days' worth. They were not as well linked as they should be (the lunchtime bus back from Postalm left, for some absurd reason, 15 minutes before the end of morning classes) but with more St Wolfgang hotels awakening to winter sports, this, it is promised, will be corrected. (Those with cars, incidentally, have fine ski areas like Dachstein within "commuting" range.)

Round it all off with a night in the ancient Goldener Hirsch hotel in Salzburg, the sort of place where your host, the Count Walendorf, includes a bottle of champagne on the breakfast buffet, and this is a winter sport's week to satisfy both he-man and hedonist. Not cheap, but an emphatic way to celebrate an anniversary. As we did.

TRAVEL NOTES

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TRAVEL NEWS

Spanish rise?

Reports that some Spanish resorts are to impose a £10 tax on foreign tourists have been denied by two of the areas involved — Catalonia and the Canary Islands.

But the regional government of the Balearic Islands admitted this week that it has been "looking at ways to fund improvements to the tourism infrastructure" and has been "considering many possibilities". Any new tax would have to be approved by the Spanish government, which says it has had no discussions with the Balearic tourist authorities.

The International Federation of Tour Operators has told the Spanish National Tourist Office that any tax on foreign visitors would cause a huge decline in bookings.

Nile cruising

Swan Hellenic is limiting its 1989 cruises along the full 600-mile length of the Nile between Cairo and Aswan to the summer season, when water levels are high. This year the company had to cancel many of its planned full-length cruises because of the lack of water.

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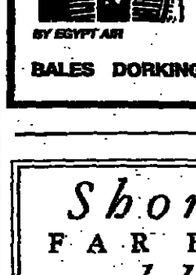
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Towering performance: Nikolai Cherkasov in the title role of Eisenstein's *Ivan The Terrible*, featured in *The Film Club* (BBC2, 9.25pm). Ludmila Tselikovskaya plays Tsarina Anastasia Romanovna

Tsar of the Soviet screen

CHOICE

● The 90th anniversary of the birth of Sergei Eisenstein is being marked by the BBC with an *Omnibus* profile on Friday and the showing of four of his films. A week today there is a double bill of *The Battleship Potemkin* and *Ivan the Terrible Part 2*. Tonight, in **The Film Club** (BBC2, 9.25pm), Naum Kleiman, curator of the Eisenstein Museum in Moscow, introduces *Ivan the Terrible Part 1* and *Strike*. Outside the narrow circle of cinema buffs, Eisenstein may be little more than a name from the history books, vaguely remembered as the inventor of montage. But he deserves to be commemorated. He was one of the handful of early film makers who grasped the potential of the medium and exploited it in original ways. It was not just montage, a fancy word for the dynamic possibilities of editing, but the whole range of cinema: lighting, camerawork, composing within the frame. His restless urge to innovate, his visual flair and his intellectual weight, give his films an excitement that has survived the years. This is true even of *Strike*, his first film made in 1924, which may be technically crude but bristles with invention. Based on a factory workers' dispute in pre-war Russia, it was first produced by Eisenstein in the theatre. But almost every frame reveals his determination to retell the story in cinema terms. *Ivan the Terrible* was his last film project, a planned three-part life of the 16th century Tsar. Only the first two parts were completed before Eisenstein's death and the second was banned by the Soviet authorities. But the first, drawing a parallel between earlier Russian history and the country's heroic struggle against Hitler, was ideologically sound enough to win the Stalin Prize. Eisenstein's treatment is stylized and makes complex use of the interaction of sound and image. But this is not just a director's film. Nikolai Cherkasov gives a towering performance as Ivan and the score is by Prokofiev.

Peter Waymark



Prams in the park: a nanny meant that motherhood barely disturbed the social whirl for upper class women, according to the survey of 20th-century women *Out Of The Doll's House* (BBC2, 8.35pm)

Watching with mothers

CHOICE

● Tackling motherhood in the first of an eight-part survey of the changing lives of women in the 20th century, **Out of the Doll's House** (BBC2, 8.35pm) comes back time and again to class. For upper class women, being a mother has barely disturbed a leisurely social routine: nannies and boarding schools have taken care of that. At the other end of the social scale, where the tradition of having large families died hard, mothers had to battle against the unequal odds of cramped housing, high infant mortality and, often, going out to work, to boost the family income. For middle-class women, motherhood has often meant dreadful feelings of guilt, fed by experts like Dr John Bowlby, who preached that juvenile delinquency was due to lack of maternal care in early childhood. The corollary was an endorsement of the Victorian imperative that the woman's place was firmly in the home. As one mother puts it: "I found myself scanning through Bowlby to see whether it was OK to go out for half an hour". Taking a theme a week (the others include sex, work, health, politics and education), Angela Holdsworth's series draws heavily on the television documentary staples of archive film and oral reminiscences, while not neglecting other sources, from music hall songs to the chauvinist rantings of Alf Garnett and Oxo commercials. The changing representation of the Oxo mum from the too-good-to-be-true Katie to today's matriarch with a job and a short temper, would be worth a programme in itself. With the reservation that with a subject as big as this, not everything can be adequately covered (Dr Spock, a not inconsiderable figure, gets only a few seconds), *Out of the Doll's House* promises much. It is analytical without being didactic, serious-minded but with a sense of humour, and by avoiding the loonier flights of feminism it will not shut itself off from that important minority, the male viewer.

P.W.

BBC1

6.20 Saturday Starts Here. Peter Simon introduces *programmes for young people starting with* **8.25 Eggs 'n' Baker.** Cheryl Baker with the first of six programmes in which she invites pop personalities into her kitchen and cooks up some easy-to-prepare recipes. Her guest today is Sinitta. **8.45 Droids Special.**

9.30 Going Live! with Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene whose guests include Kylie Minogue, Lolita Dean and Adam Woodyatt; plus music from T'Pau. **12.12 Weather.**

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. *The line-up is (subject to alteration):* **12.20, 2.35, 3.05,** and **4.00 Golf:** Coverage of the 36-hole semi-finals of the Suntory World Matchplay Championship from Wentworth in Surrey. **1.05 Football:** European highlights, and results. **1.15** and **2.05 Motor Racing:** Murray Walker is your commentator for the Dunlop British Touring Car Championship at Donington Park and Silverstone. **1.25, 2.25, 2.55** and **3.30 Racing from Ascot:** Peter O'Sullevan, Julian Wilson and Jimmy Lindley with coverage of four *races, including* **1.00 News Summary** and **4.35** Final Score.

5.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
5.10 Regional News and Sport.
5.15 The Flying Doctors. *Drama series about the* work of Australia's Flying Doctor service. This week Tom has to make a major decision about his relationship with Chris (Ceefax).
6.00 The Noel Edmonds Saturday Roadshow.
6.45 'Allo 'Allo! René's wedding plans are disrupted by Edith who intends to be the one he weds. *With Gorden Kaye* (Ceefax).
7.10 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse (Ceefax).
7.45 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches and music. Guests include *Les Dennis (Ceefax).*
8.15 All Creatures Great and Small. While Helen and Siegfried are packing up at Skeldale, Siegfried notices that James's beloved labrador seems unwell. With Christopher Timothy and Robert Hardy (Ceefax).
9.05 News and Sport with Moira Stuart. Weather.
9.20 *Film:* **Fletch** (1985). Comedy thriller starring Chevy Chase as a wisecracking investigative reporter who is working undercover on a drug smuggling story when he is approached by a young executive with an *unusual request.* Directed by Michael Ritchie.
10.55 Variety Club Lunch. Celebration of 80 years in show business for Bernard Delfont, with contributions from Michael Grade, Frankie Howerd, Harry Secombe and Terry Wogan.
11.35 Film: Goodbye Paradise (1982). Ray Barrett stars as an ex-policeman with a drink problem who gets caught up in a threatened military coup. Directed by Carl Schultz.
1.35 Weather. Ends **1.40am.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
11.25 Open University: Catering for Older People **11.50** Maths: Decision Tree Analysis **12.15** Science: Race for a Gene **1.05** Cropping the Countryside **1.30** Working Wildlife into our Environment.
2.20 Network East profiles the Asian community in Northern Ireland and finds out how they are coping with the troubles. Plus Rashid Din, interior designer for shopping chains such as *Next*, talks about his work; and singing trio Saffron make their television début. Presented by Shahnaz Pakravan, Sudha Kumari and Fatima Salaria.
3.00 George Cukor Double Bill. Film: Gaslight (1944, b/w). Ingrid Bergman (who won her first *Academy Award with this performance),* Charles Boyer, Joseph Cotten, Dame May Whitty and Angela Lansbury star in the film version of Patrick Hamilton's classic thriller about a man's attempts to *drive his young wife* insane.
4.50 Film: A Double Life (1947, b/w). George Cukor's theatrical melodrama starring Ronald Colman in an award-winning performance as a Broadway actor who is increasingly affected by the characters he portrays on stage. When he *takes on the role of Shakespeare's* Othello, it begins to take over his private life.
6.30 Now You See It presented by Nick Stuart; plus a review of the week's news in pictures with subtitles, followed by weather.
7.10 Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. Second showing of the fascinating documentary which chronicles the 1984 recording of Bernstein's classic musical, including the tensions and frustrations of performing the piece with the composer present. It was the first time *Bernstein had conducted a complete* performance and the recording was headed by opera stars Kiri te Kanawa and José Carreras (r).
8.40 Rhythms of the World. The *Arena* series about *music from around the world continues with* spectacular concert footage of one of the most popular singer stars in Latin America — The Queen of Salsa, Celia Cruz — recorded at New York's legendary Apollo Theater. Her guests are Johnny Pacheco and the 18-place band of Tito Puente.
9.25 The Film Club: Eisenstein at 90. Naum Kleiman, curator of the Eisenstein Museum in Moscow, introduces two films to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the film-maker's birth. Film: Ivan the *Terrible — Part One* (1944, b/w) *(see* Choice).
11.05 Strike (1924, b/w) (see Choice).
12.15 International Golf. Harry Carpenter presents highlights from the Suntory World Matchplay Championship, held at Wentworth in Surrey. Ends **1.00am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am starts with **Saturday Sport** presented by Geoff Clark. **7.30 Wideawake Club.**
9.25 She-Ra Princess of Power. *Animated adventure* series. **9.50 Motormouth.** Young people's entertainment includes an interview with Boy George, a proposal for Kylie Minogue and music from the chart-topping band Black.
11.30 Knight Rider (r).
12.30 Physical Pursuits. First in a series of inter-sports *centre competitions that requires brains* as well brawn features teams from Finsbury Leisure Centre and Kingston upon Thames.
1.00 ITN News with Trevor McDonald.
1.05 LWT News and weather followed by **Saint and Greavsie.** Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news and look forward to the weekend's programme.
1.35 Wrestling from The Spa, Bridlington. Includes Ian McGregor versus Greg Valentine.
2.15 Film: The Parent Trap (1961). Walt Disney romp *features Hayley Mills in a double role as two* similar-looking girls who discover they are twin sisters and decide to reunite their mother and father. Directed by David Swift.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 ITN News with Trevor McDonald.
5.10 LWT News and weather followed by **Blockbusters** with Bob Holness.
5.45 New Faces of '88 Talent show in which the viewers decide who will go through to the final presented by Marti Caine. With celebrity judges *Nina Myskow, Mike Reid and Lynsey de Paul.*
6.45 Square Deal. In tonight's episode of the comedy serial Nigel seeks Sean's advice when Emma decides to divorce him because of what she considers to be his caddish behaviour.
7.15 Blind Date. Boy meets girl and girl meets boy show. Presented by Cilla Black (Oracle).
8.00 Murder, She Wrote. Angela Lansbury stars as the novelist sleuth in a new series of investigations.
9.00 ITN News. 9.15 LWT Weather.
9.20 Bust. *New series starring Paul Nicholas as the* wheeler-dealer and Belinda Lang as his long-suffering wife.
10.20 Aspel and Company. Michael Aspel talks to John Cleese, Norman Tebbit and *Julio Iglesias.*
11.05 Film: Dirty Money (1977). Made-for-television thriller, based on a true story, stars Ian McShane as a Fascist who plans to fund his private army by robbing a Bank of France bank. Directed by Francis Megahy.
1.00 Night Network. Includes Emma Freud talking to *Roland Rat, and Phil Oakey of the Human* League reviewing the week's video releases. Plus live music from China.
4.00 The Hit Man and Her. Dance music and pop news presented by *Pete Waterman and* Michaela Strachan.
6.00 ITN Morning News. 6.00am.

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Listening Eye. Magazine series for the hearing impaired. This morning's programme looks at Leeds's *Total Communication system (r).*
10.00 4 What it's Worth investigates the links between a bogus miracle diet, a multi-million pornography empire and a well-known newspaper publisher (r).
10.30 Film: That Night in Rio (1941). Carmen Miranda extravaganza stars Don Ameche as a nightclub entertainer whose clever impersonation of Baron Duarte leads him into trouble with the man's wife. Irving Cummings directs.
12.10 Movie Museum (b/w). Two classic silent shorts: *Desperate Encounter Between Burglar and Police* (1900) and *Pool Sharks* (1915).
12.25 Empress Wu. Episode 50 of the 65-part historical drama series from Hong Kong.
12.55 Film: Captains of the Clouds (1942). Second World War story starring James Cagney as a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot who refuses to knuckle under to the service's discipline but proves his courage when the chips are down. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
3.05 Channel 4 Racing from York. The Dewhurst Rockingham Stakes **(3.15),** *Coral Bookmakers* Spring Trophy **(3.45),** Carling Black Label Lager Stakes **(4.15)** and Scholiasts of Yorkshire Handicap Stakes **(4.45).**
5.05 Brookside. *Omnibus edition (r).*
6.00 Right to Reply. *Dispatches'* investigation into the National Front comes in for some criticism.
6.30 Cities of Islam. First in a four-part series in which Muslim writers explore different, historic Islamic cities. Abhul Lateef Whiteman, who embraced the religion as a young man, *describes why the city of Fez is special to him.*
7.00 News Summary and weather.
7.05 Hollywood. Part two of the documentary series charting the growth of Hollywood's film industry focuses on the early 1920s when tinsel town was still a peaceful village (Oracle).
8.05 Game, Set and Match. Double helping of the 13-part spy series based on Len Deighton's book. With Ian Holm as the British intelligence officer who has been desk-bound for five years (Oracle).
10.05 Allegro: Double Concerto (b/w). First in a series of Christopher Nupen's films follows Vladimir Ashkenazy and Daniel Barenboim as they perform Mozart's Concerto (r).
11.15 Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (1983). A collection of surreal and outrageous sketches from Graham Chapman, John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones and Michael Palin is preceded by *The Crimson Permanent Assurance.* Directed by Terry Jones.
1.15 Film: Dante's Inferno (1935, b/w). Spencer *Tracy stars as a ruthless fairground worker in a* fantasy about Dante's vision of hell. Directed by Harry Lachman. Ends **2.55am.**

BBC1

8.30 The Flashing Blade. First of 11 episodes (r).
8.55 Play School (r). **9.15 Umbrella.** Religious series for children. **9.30 This is the Day.**
10.00 Bazaar. Judi Spiers presents the first in a new series of programmes that features time and money saving tips (r).
10.25 International Golf. *Coverage of this morning's* round of the 36-hole final of the Suntory World Matchplay Championship.
12.05 See Hear! Weekly magazine programme for the hearing-impaired.
12.30 Country File investigates the phenomena of crop circles and discusses possible explanations as diverse as meteorological upheavals and drunken hi-jinks.
1.00 News with Moira Stuart, followed by **On the Record.** On the eve of the Conservative Party *conference, Jonathan Dimbleby asks the Trade* and Industry Secretary, Lord Young, whether the prime minister's stand on Europe could cause problems for her party.
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (Ceefax) (r).
3.00 International Golf. Harry Carpenter introduces further live coverage.
4.40 Sheriff Hoot Kloot.
4.50 Scrapbook. Simon Mayo with the game show that proves moral dilemmas. Guests are Irma Kurtz, Koo Stark, Pete Waterman, David Grant and *Austin Mitchell MP.*
5.20 The Clothes Show reports from the London Fashion Week exhibition at Olympia; and takes a look at the Brixton Fashion Workshop which opened last week.
5.45 The Franchise Affair. Episode three. The Sharpes are receiving anonymous hate mail; and *Tye Francyses is under siege from the* national press (Ceefax).
6.15 Lifeline. Charity news.
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise (Ceefax).
7.15 First of the Summer Wine. Last in the six-part series and Compo has to smarten himself up when he applies for a job at the Co-op (Ceefax).
7.45 Howards' Way. *Jan investigates why her* suppliers consider her a bad credit risk; and Avril discovers some counterfeit Anna Leo dresses in Guernsey (Ceefax).
8.35 Bread. Carla Lane's comedy series about a resourceful Liverpudlian family (Ceefax).
9.05 Sunday Premiere: Tumbledown. Charles Wood's *film drama about a soldier's struggle* to rebuild his shattered life after being severely injured in the Falklands War (Ceefax) (r).
11.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
11.15 Everyman reports on a *single woman who has* adopted and fostered 42 children, most of them abused or handicapped (r).
11.55 O'Donnell Investigates . . . Age (r).
12.25 Network East (r).
1.05 Weather. Ends **1.10am.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.25 Now on Two introduced by Simon Park starts with **Popeye and Son.** The spinach-eating sailor and his spindly girlfriend in a new cartoon series. **9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus. 10.45** Ovide. Cartoon adventures with a duck-billed *platypus.*
11.00 Windmill. Chris Serle reflects on the history of television (r).
12.00 Film: The Sky Bike (1967). Charles Frend's last film, an adventure story about an eccentric inventor who hopes to win a prize for the first man-powered flying machine. With Spencer Shires and Liam Redmond.
1.00 Sleeping Princess.
1.10 The Mind Machine. Colin Blakemore finds out what makes our biological clocks tick (r).
2.00 International Golf. *Live coverage of the final 18* holes in the Suntory World Matchplay Championship.
3.00 Film: The Lavender Hill Mob (1951, b/w). First of a series of *three films directed by Charles* Crichton is the classic Ealing comedy about an attempted gold bullion robbery masterminded by an apparently mild-mannered clerk who works at the Bank of England. Starring Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway.
4.20 Cartoon.
4.25 Music in Camera. Sally Magnusson introduces a performance of Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra recorded at the 1988 Bath International Festival.
5.05 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces coverage of Bristol versus Moseley in the Courage League Division One; Cardiff versus Glasgow Accies, Llanelli versus Swansea and Auckland versus Otago in New Zealand.
6.15 The Temple. Documentary by Vladimir Diakonov about the restoration of the Russian Orthodox Church since the fall of communism.
7.15 The Natural World. David Attenborough explores the world of the Gagudju, an ancient *people living in a remote corner of northern* Australia.
8.05 Face to Face. First of 10 programmes features the legendary Tony Hancock interview from 1960 when he revealed a vulnerable and sad side to his comic genius (revised repeat).
8.35 Out of the Doll's House (see Choice).
9.25 The American Waltz — The Last Waltz (1978). Martin Scorsese's film record of the Band's farewell concert in 1976 features an impressive line-up of rock performers including *Muddy Waters, Eric Clapton, Van Morrison and* Bob Dylan.
11.15 International Golf. Highlights of today's final.
11.55 Nurses. Life on the ward as seen by the nurses of Whipps Cross Hospital in *London's East End* (Ceefax) (r). Ends **12.45am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am.
9.25 Fraggle Rock. 9.55 Motormouth on Sunday gets fit. **10.30 Follyfoot** (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from *Dunnottar, Stonehaven.*
12.00 The Walden Interview. Brian Walden talks to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson about criticism over his management of the economy and the future of Thatcherism.
1.00 ITN News. 1.10 LWT News and weather.
1.15 Police 6. With Shaw Taylor.
1.30 LWT Action reports on a new vaccine against mumps, measles and rubella.
1.40 Link examines a disabled person's right to buy council accommodation.
2.00 The Human Factor visits the *site of Changhai* prison camp in Japan with five POWs who were interned there 46 years ago.
2.30 Film: The Deep Six (1957). Alan Ladd stars as a Quaker who is called up into the US navy, gradually overcoming his pacifist feelings to win the respect of his officers by his heroic actions. Directed by Rudolph Maté.
4.30 The Duke and Duchess of York in Australia. Anthony Carthew follows the Duke and Duchess on their 10-day tour of Canberra.
5.00 Benson. Comedy series.
5.30 The Good Life Guide reports on single people who are content to stay that way.
6.00 Bullseye. Darts and general knowledge game.
6.30 ITN News. 6.35 LWT News and weather.
6.40 Highway. Six months after the bombing of the areas most affected by last year's tragic storm.
7.15 Concentration. Memory game show.
7.45 Live from the Palladium. Jimmy Tarbuck introduces a line-up that includes Dionne Warwick, Ronnie Corbett and Rick Astley.
8.45 ITN News. 9.00 LWT Weather.
9.05 Piece of Cake. Episode two of the Second World War drama series and Hornet Squadron have been posted to France where they are *eager for action (Oracle).*
10.00 Hale & Pace. Comedy series.
10.30 The South Bank Show chronicles the making of a new recording of Dylan Thomas's *Under Milk Wood* with a cast including Anthony Hopkins, Tom Jones, Siân Phillips, Ruth Madoc, Windsor Davies and Freddy Jones.
11.30 Soccer Highlights.
12.30 Film: Passion (1954). Lon Chaney and Raymond Burr in a Western about a young man taking the law into his own hands when his ranch is burnt to the ground and his wife killed. Directed by Allan Dwan.
2.00 News Headlines followed by **The Other Side of Midnight** from Barcelona where Anthony Wilson checks out Catalan nightlife, the next Olympic stadium and Gaudí's sense of humour.
2.30 Pick of the Week. Presented by Susie Mathis.
3.00 News Headlines followed by **Indy-Cart Racing.**
5.00 ITN Morning Headlines. Ends **6.00am.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Teesra Kinara. Last episode of the Pakistani drama serial based on Ayn Rand's novel.
10.00 Fish 'n' Chasp 'n' Rock 'n' Rock. Portrait of Ian *Anderson, lead singer and flautist with rock* band Jethro Tull since the late Sixties who also owns a large mixed farm in Buckinghamshire and a 15,000-acre estate in Skye (r).
11.00 Network 7 *features a live report from Japan* including an interview with the manager of each of Japan's three "teenybop" bands; a report from London Fashion Week and a review of Joan Collins's new novel. This week's guest in room 113 is Kevin Kennedy who plays Curly in *Coronation Street.*
1.00 Lost in Space. Vintage space series.
2.00 Film: The Thief of Bagdad (1924). Douglas Fairbanks stars in Raoul Walsh's silent classic recently restored and given a new musical score *composed by Carl Davis.*
4.45 World of Animation.
5.10 News Summary and Weather.
5.15 The Business Programme. Sir Gordon White talks about the prospects for one of Britain's most successful companies; plus the first of two reports on the economic policies of Michael Dukakis and George Bush.
5.45 American Football. Kansas City at the New York Jets.
7.15 Equinox: Look, No Hands! The documentary *series exploring the relationship between* human beings and technology this week looks at the building of the dome on Florence's cathedral by Renaissance architect Brunelleschi and a plan to build a human-control, computer-integrated manufacturing system for the engineering industry (Oracle).
8.00 Rebel of the South Seas. First of a four-part story about the last years of Robert Louis Stevenson, author of *Treasure Island* and *Kidnapped,* whose life matched the adventure *stories he wrote (Oracle).*
9.00 The Media Show. First in a new series introduced by Muriel Gray includes Robin Williams, Tom Hanks and Barry Levinson talking about the translation of *stand-up* comedy to the big screen; plus Louis Malle and Marcel Ophuls on why the Second World War is the still the subject for so many films.
10.00 Film: The Cowboys (1972). John Wayne as the tough rancher forced to employ some local youngsters to drive his cattle to market when *his cowhands desert him.* But the disreputable members he rejects are determined to stop him from reaching his destination. With Bruce Dern and Slim Pickens. Directed by Mark Rydell.
12.25 Film: Latent Image (1987). *Omnibus film about a* professional photographer's quest to find his brother who is one of the country's many "disappeared". Directed by Pablo Peretman. Subtitles. Ends **2.10am.**

BBC1 WALES: 5.10pm–5.15 Wales on Saturday **10.55** Sportsnight **11.55** Variety Club Lunch for Lord Delfont **12.25am–12.40** Weather. Closedown **SCOTLAND: 9.10pm–5.15** Scottish News and Sport **9.30** Going Live! **10.55** Sportscene **1.50–10.55** Sportscene **NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.50pm–5.00** Northern Ireland Results (within Grandstand) **5.10–5.15** Inside Ulster Newsline **ENGLAND: 5.10pm–5.15** London Sport; Other Regions: Regional News and *Sport.*

ANGLIA As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** The Man From UNCLE **5.15** News **5.25–5.45** Cartoons **1.00am** The Hit Man and Her **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

BORDER As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** UFO **1.00am** The Hit Man and Her, from Warrington **2.00–6.00** Night Network.

CENTRAL As London except:**11.30am–1.00pm** Film: Hockey Night **12.55am** Prisoner Cell Block H **1.55** Film Wacko (Stella Stevens) **2.55** Superbouts: Ken Norton v Muhammad Ali **3.10–4.30–6.00** America's Top 10

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CHANNEL As London except:**11.30am** The Greatest American Hero **12.30pm–1.00** Supercross **10.55** Who Dares Wins **12.55pm** Film: Garrison's Gorillas **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Five Mile Creek **4.05** Award Winner. Country Ways **4.35–5.00** America's Top 10.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**11.30am** Boathaichean Naomhaan. Flying Doctors **11.55** *Its Only Natural* **12.00–1.00pm** The Greatest American Hero **1.00am** The Hit Man and Her, with Pete Waterman in Warrington **2.00–4.10** Night Network.

GRANADA As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** Transworld Sport **1.00am** The Hit Man and Her, with Pete Waterman **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

HTV WEST As London except:**11.30am** *America's Top 10* **12.00–1.00pm** The Man From UNCLE **1.00am** Thirsh **1.30** Married With Children **2.00** Night Network **4.00** America's Top 10 **4.30–5.00** An Invitation to Remember. Dr Barnard Miles.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except:**11.30am** The Man From UNCLE **12.30pm–1.00** America's Top 10 **6.15–5.45** The Campbells **12.55am** The Hit Man and Her **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

TSW As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00** Follyfoot **12.30pm–1.00** The South West Week **5.10–5.15** Newsspot **12.55am** The Hit Man and Her **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

TVS As London except:**11.30am** The Greatest American Hero **12.30pm–1.00** Supercross **12.55am** Film: Garrison's Gorillas **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Cowboy **4.05** Award Winner. Country Ways **4.35–5.00** America's Top 10.

TYNE TEES As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** UFO Court Martial **12.55am** The Hit Man and Her **2.00–4.00** Night Network. with Paul Thompson.

ULSTER As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** English Open Golf Tournament **2.15–4.45** Saturday Sport Special from Kilkeel **12.55am** The Hit Man and Her **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**11.30am** America's Top 10 **12.00–1.00pm** UFO **1.00am** The Hit Man and Her, with Pete Waterman in Warrington **2.00–4.00** Night Network.

S4C Starts:**9.40am** Years Ahead **10.30** Village Show **11.00** 4 What It's Worth **11.30** March of Time **12.00** *Tesera Kinara* **12.30pm** The Stars I Own **Stairig 1.30** Film: Odette' **3.05** Racing **5.05** Brookside **5.30** Flight **6.00** Rapid Raced Pictures **7.00** Carreg Ateb **7.30** News **7.40** Y Mates Chwaraa **8.30** Noson Lawen **9.35** Bonn Diaries **10.30** Le Petomane **11.15** Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life **1.15am** Film: Dante's Inferno' **2.55** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:**9.25am** Eye of the Golden Potato **10.00** Wuzzles **10.30** Action Station Saturday **1.00pm** Nancy Drew Mysteries **1.50** Wimbledon Highlights and the Chipmunks **3.10** Henderson Kids **4.10** Film. A Special Kind of Love **5.00** Angelus **5.01** News **6.15** Matinee **6.35** The Muppet Show — Command Performances **7.00** Jack and Mike **7.55** Disappearing World **9.00** *News* **9.15** *Castleber Sing Contest* **10.45** Film: WW and the Dixie Dance Kings **12.25am** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:**12.00noon** Sign of the Times **12** 25pm How **Bugs Bunny Won the West 12.50** News **12.55** Injection **1.25** *Stadium 8.00 On the Wings of the Wind 6.00* Wheel **6.55** Nuacht **7.00** Int **7.30** Family Feis **9.00** Film: Silverado **10.20** Costalda the Collector **11.30** Feathers **12.10am** Closedown.

BBC1 WALES: 1.05am–1.10 News of Wales Headlines and Weather **1.15** Land Lord **4.50–5.20** Rugby Special **NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.00pm** An Apple a Day **5.15–5.45** Video Picture Show

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND: 3.00pm Gaelic Football **4.40–5.00** Roll Hana Cartoon Time

ANGLIA As London except:**1.10pm** News **1.15** Link **1.30–2.00** Farming Diary **5.00** Blockbusters **5.30–6.00** Who's the Boss? **12.30am** *Pornstar Colt Block H* **1.25** Married With Children **1.55** Video Sounds **2.30–3.00** Other Side of Midnight.

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HTV WALES As HTV West except:**2.00pm–2.30** Jam 'n' Jerusalem **5.00** Gospel Show

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S4C Starts:**9.15am** Heiloo **10.00** Fish 'n' Chasp 'n' Rock 'n' Roll **11.00** Nadolig **11.30** Wonderful World of Your Feet **2.00** Noson Lawen **3.00** Chwaraa **5.00** Programme **5.45** American Football **7.00** Man and his World **7.15** Sam Tân **7.30** News **7.40** Cadwch Gardd **8.00** Minaton **9.45** Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol **9.15** Hel Straen **9.45** Perenn **10.30** Nid Oes Rob Wedi **Gweld Dwy Erlaod 10.35** Film: Phantasm of the Paradise **12** 25am Film: Latent Image **2 10 Closedown.**

RTE 1 Starts:**9.50am** Deutsch Direkt **10.20** Espana Viva **10.45** History of Mathematics **11.15** Sunday Service **12.00** Marketplace **12.30** Spanish Armada **1.20** Bullseye **2.00** Sunday Report **1.50** Bookside **2.30** All-Ireland Football Final **5.40** News **6.00** Angelus **6.01** The Cavanaughs **6.35** Our House **7.00** Murphy's Golden Movies **9.00** Where in the World? **9.30** Glenroe **10.00** News **10.20** Chip de Burgh **10.25** Questions and Answers **11.20** Rey Broadcast Theatre **1.50** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:**12.05pm** Fam The Return to Boggy Creek **1.30** Battle-ax Galactica **3.10** Dance Class **4.00** Planet Earth **5.30** Paths Plus **6.00** Newsnest **6.55** Nitcht **7.00** Sid That **7.30** Marketplace **8.00** Sec of Faith **9.00** Fortunes of War **10.05** Sunday Game **11.15** *Alternating Features Closedown.*

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TRAVEL

High life away from the plains

PAMLA TOLER

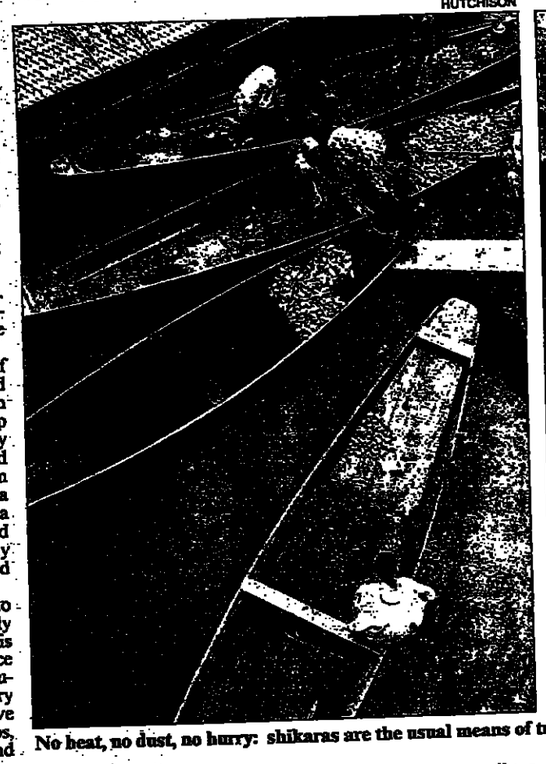


A lake at Srinagar: not the most stylish resort, but the one most favoured by Indians. The water is home to countless kingfishers, as well as to the lotus, the roots of which are eaten. Houseboats, with their intricate deodar carvings, offer unmatched romance

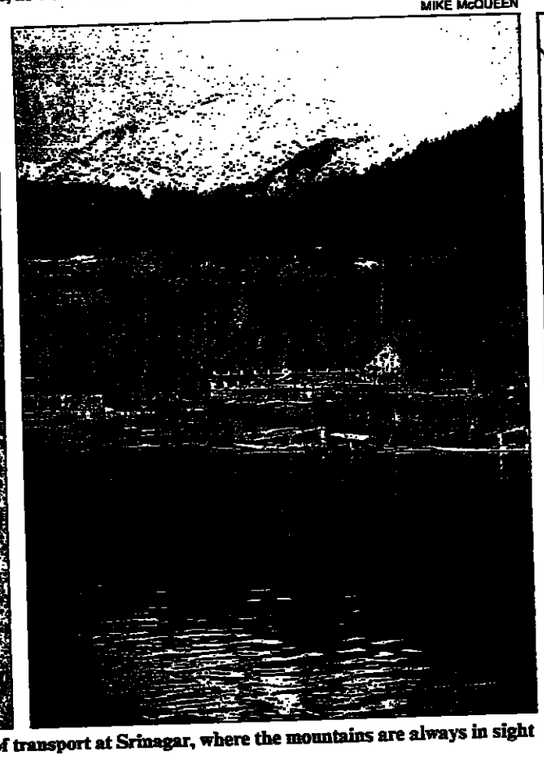
DUNCAN STEWART

As the Raj recedes, tourism encroaches. Andrew Powell revisited some Himalayan hill towns and tracked down some peaceful reminders of the past

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MIKE McQUEEN



No heat, no dust, no hurry: shikaras are the usual means of transport at Srinagar, where the mountains are always in sight



It's a quiet place. The lane winds along a ridge through pine trees and drifts of last year's needles lie in the gutter, undisturbed from one season to the next. There is that meaningful hush that you get in forests and even when the wind is thrashing the treetops about, down on the ground everything is still.

Just below the road stands the church of St John in the Wilderness, with its square Norman tower, stained glass windows of the Evangelists and tangled graveyard. Most of the headstones are a bit lopsided, the result of a severe earthquake not long after the war. One monument, undamaged, is much grander than the rest, and set in the flaking, moss-covered stone is a white marble plaque which reads: "In memory of James Brice, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Viceroy and Governor General of India, who having previously served his country as Governor of Jamaica, Governor of Canada, and High Commissioner and Ambassador to China died at Dharamsala on the 20th November 1863."

Across the valley in the hill-station of Upper Dharamsala you can just make out the brightly-coloured roofs of the Dalai Lama's residence poking through the dark green vegetation. The church-bell (cast in the East End of London a century ago) clangs the hour and for a moment a vision of the English shires appears to the traveller among the Himalayan foothills. It is dispelled, abruptly, by the alien growling of Tibetan horns from the roof of a nearby Buddhist monastery.

Often it seems as if we had never been there at all. In India only 10 years ago, saying you were British invariably prompted *some* kind of reaction. Those who remembered aspects of the Raj with approval tended to be exceptionally courteous. Others were frosty. Either way you were accorded special treatment. Nowadays, to be British is usually to be just a westerner, a tourist, a source of foreign exchange.

There are, however, still places where the long relationship between West and East, between Esher and the Orient, seems scarcely to have ended. Of such places, the hill-stations north of Delhi are some of the most beguiling.

After 12 hours overnight of the "Jammu Mail" I staggered into the dining-room on Pathankot station, hung up my jacket on a strangely familiar mahogany stand and settled down to fried eggs on toast. These arrived on a heavy white plate bearing a blue crest and the legend "Northern Railways". Clearly some things had not changed much in the past 50 years.

For those determined to cultivate nostalgia, the only way to travel to a hill-station is by train. Pathankot was once the railhead for both Dalhousie and Dharamsala and every spring the platform must have been choked with memsahibs, their fractious offspring and their long-suffering ayahs.

The hill-stations have always been full to capacity in the late spring and early summer when the climate of northern India is at its most ferocious. However, the best months of the year in the foothills are, paradoxically, March and October, when the air is clear and the peaks are plainly visible. Hill-stations in June are often crowded, dusty and, by British standards, quite hot.

Dharamsala is a case in point. In late February a couple of years ago, I made the four-hour drive from Pathankot, winding steadily up through the Kangra Valley, entranced by the splendour of the scenery. The Dhauladar, a snow-covered rock wall 15,000 feet high, rose sheer from fluorescent yellow mustard fields, through which swift streams (still annually stocked with brown trout) dashed down to the plains. When I returned in mid-May this year, the Dhauladar was obscured by a thick haze and the streets of Upper Dharamsala were choked with busloads of Indian holidaymakers.

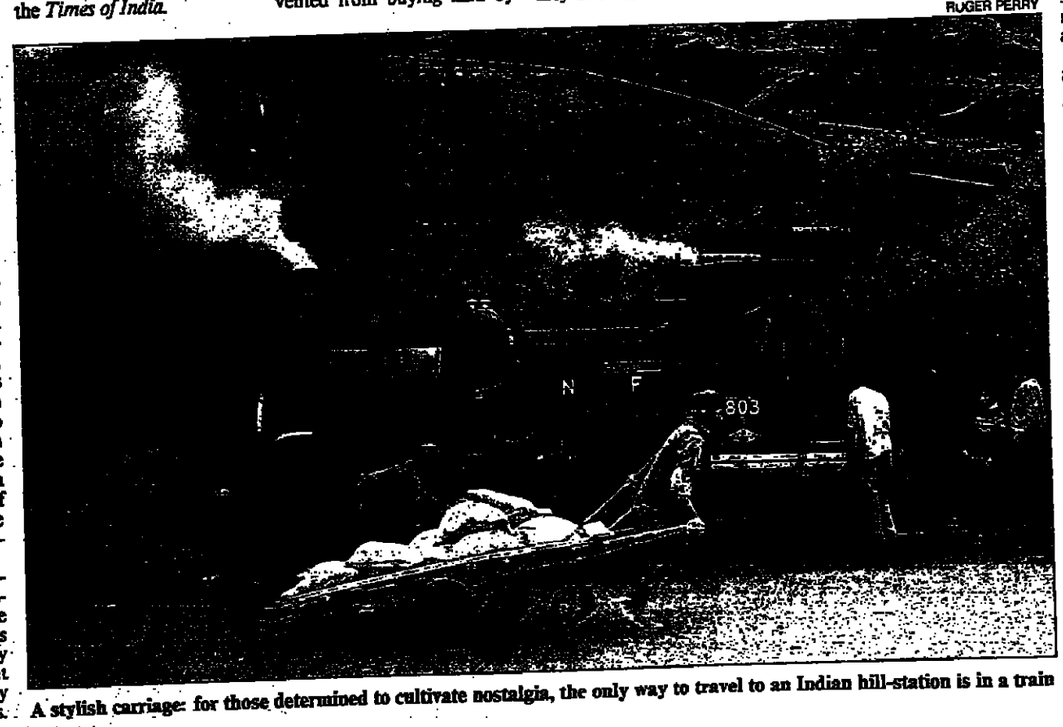
For the middle-class inhabitant of northern India, especially Delhi, a week in the hills during the hot season is nowadays desirable not only in itself, but also as a potent status symbol, matched only by ownership of a Mercedes.

The destination most favoured is undoubtedly Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir, and Indian Airlines have considerable difficulty coping with the demand. If they put an extra airbus on the Delhi-Srinagar route in May and June, it is front-page news in the *Times of India*.

Srinagar was not really a hill-station in the days of the Raj, partly because a railway line was never built through the Pir Panjal, the 14,000 ft mountain range which separates the Kashmir Valley from the rest of India, and partly because the British were prevented from buying land by the Maharajah of Kashmir. Determined not to be thwarted, some ingenious Britons constructed the now famous houseboats on the valley's lakes instead. Although these have remained popular with western visitors ever since, for some reason they have found little favour with the Indians themselves. Srinagar may be today the most popular summer resort, but Simla and Mussorie are still the most fashionable.

Architecturally Simla, with its half-timbered, mock-Tudor buildings, has changed very little since the days when it was India's summer capital.

RUGER PERRY



A stylish carriage: for those determined to cultivate nostalgia, the only way to travel to an Indian hill-station is in a train

Gorton Castle still dominates the town. Clarke's Hotel is open for business, as are the Gaiety Theatre and the Ice Skating Club ("Est. 1920 — The only one of its kind in Asia"). The atmosphere of Simla during the high season has, however, become completely Indian, due to the sheer numbers of people who nowadays cram into its steep and narrow streets.

Mussorie, in contrast, even at the spring season's apogee, is still tranquil and leisured. This is chiefly because the town, unlike Simla, is spread out over a wide area. Whereas Simla was a centre of government, Mussorie was always the pleasure capital of India. Built at 6,600ft on a ridge running parallel to the main Himalayan range, it has a glorious situation. To the south the hillside falls away almost vertically to the plains, while to the north, when the air is clear, the horizon is serrated by a line of 20,000ft snow-peaks. From their glaciers flow the rivers Ganges and Jumna, both of which are clearly visible, glinting in the sunshine.

Rajiv Gandhi was in town when I was there, visiting, if my informant was correct, the great Birla trading family in Happy Valley, a district of Mussorie still divided up into the gardens of colonial bungalows. There the tennis courts are still marked out and the lawns newly mown.

Mussorie's most remarkable surviving monument to the British period is by contrast rather dilapidated. The owner of the Savoy hotel, Ananad Jauhar, seemed somewhat dispirited when I found him supervising repairs to the corrugated iron roof. Impeccably dressed in grey flannels and a dark blue blazer, he would not have looked out of place in Henley.

Half Scottish gothic, half Loire chateau, the Savoy is the most wonderful old colonial hotel I have yet discovered, anywhere. True, the ballroom is looking a bit tatty and the stags' heads are a trifle mothy round the ears, but the green baize on the snooker tables is admirably smooth and the long verandahs are still polished daily.

"We try to keep the place up," Jauhar sighed, "but everything is so expensive nowadays."

"I dare say Indians want to forget the colonial period, but this place really ought to be restored as a national monument."

Jauhar positively glowed with pleasure at this suggestion. "From London, are you? Have a drink, my dear chap. I'm afraid the gin is local and we can't get tonic, but I think you'll find soda and angostura bitters a perfectly tolerable substitute."

TRAVEL NOTES

Abercrombie and Kent (tel: 01-730 9600) offer a variety of tours in India and will also organize private itineraries anywhere in the sub-continent. They specialize in high-quality travel arrangements for individuals.
In **Dharamsala** there is no first-class accommodation, though the government-run Hotel Bhagsu is clean and pleasant.
Simla has numerous hotels, of which the Oberoi Clarke's is the most elegant and most expensive. Unfortunately the food and service are both dire and therefore you are arguably better off at the charismatically named Holiday Home.
Mussorie also has many hotels, but the Savoy is easily the best.
In **Srinagar**, the houseboats are preferable to any of the hotels. Nagin (Marco Polo Houseboats) is the quieter and cleaner of the two lakes. If, however, you want colourful activity, you would be better off on Dal Lake (Manora Houseboats).

A race called Pardubicka



Tomorrow William Sporborg competes in a steeplechase that rivals the Grand National in tradition and toughness. Brian James meets the British riders who have given the Czechs a run for their money

STEPHEN MARKESON



William Sporborg and Ozzie in training for the 30 fences of the Pardubicka: custom demands that you remount after falling, rest your mount — then try again

For the love of horses, men do strange things. An accountant from a banking family is, without even calculating cost, to take a valuable animal 1,000 miles across Europe, there to terrify himself riding in an event he cannot pronounce before 100,000 people whose cheers he cannot understand, for a prize he cannot spend.

No true horseman could find William Sporborg's behaviour odd. For all this, like the grinding diet to which he has committed himself and the near-dawn exercise over fields and fences to which he daily commits his horse, is preparation for the Pardubicka.

The Pardubicka is a spectacular and punitive test on a course 60 miles east of Prague: one of the great horse races of the world, a romantic left-over of a great age of equestrianism.

In the Pardubicka a century ago, officers of the Central Powers cavalry regiments charged the fences abreast of gentlemen determined to show no less courage and paced by professional jockeys paid to steer animals bred by princes. The world has no more cavalry; but the dash and bravery survive, and Sporborg will tomorrow join the tiny group of living Englishmen who have given themselves to the ordeal.

The term "Grand National" is said not quite to capture the odd atmosphere of this parkland on the day. Half the crowd are as enthusiastically knowing as at an English point-to-point. The rest might as well be at a public hanging: they roar and giggle when a horse goes down, a rider comes off.

But the Pardubicka certainly began in frank and flattering imitation of the Aintree Grand National. The races compare: Aintree at 4 miles 856 yards is 300 yards longer; all but two of Liverpol's 16 fences are taken twice, while Pardubicka demands horse and rider face 30 different fences, only one of which is met a second time.

Aintree has Becher's and Valentine's and the Canal Turn. The men of the 1874 Bohemian Racing Association gave their course an Irish Bank, 6ft 6in both height and breadth, and gave it the Taxis (named after a Prince) which is obstacle enough to make one English observer remark: "I'd only tackle that by helicopter." Taxis is a fence 4ft 11in both up and across, then a 16½ft ditch. It requires a 24½ft leap by the horse . . . and a prolonged airborne prayer from the rider.

English knowledge and Bohemian hauteur mingled from the first. The rider of the first Pardubicka winner was a British professional jockey: the stewards were two Princes and a Count, the starter another Count, and the judge both Field Marshal and Prince.

In the years to World War I, British professional horsemanship won the classic skelter more than 20 times, some jockeys rattling across Europe to win twice and three times for handsome reward. Oddly, only one Pardubicka winner, Williamson (1890), also won his own country's National: the Aintree victory of one great Pardubicka regular, Count Karel Kinsky, was but a dent in British dominance of the two events, clearly paired in the minds of 19th-century horsemen.

They sent to England not only for riders but also for rulings. When Lata Brandisova, a niece of one of the Kinsky counts, was entered by her uncle, the English Jockey Club was asked for a judgement by the scandalized aristocrats. "Let the gel ride," said the Jockey Club, improbably showing itself to be more bohemian than the Bohemians in 1927. La Lata was placed three times before finally winning as the clouds of war gathered in 1937.

She rode once more, falling badly to finish her 20-year Pardubicka career in 1947. By then Pardubicka fences stood like memorials to the past in a much-changed world: the Party now ran racing as it ran the country, and the international set of Europe's elegant rich and noble had been replaced by more functional "authorized" entries from Russia, Poland and Hungary.

What had not been lost was the tradition of Bohemian horsemanship, nor memory of past hospitality. Which was why astonishing scenes awaited Chris Collins, who made an epic journey through thickets of visa-forms and official permissions to return as the first post-war Englishman to Pardubicka in 1973 . . . and won.

Why? "I was coming to the end of my steeplechasing career and looking for things to do. I had grown up with tales of this fabled race. But meeting some Russians at Aintree who said the thing was still going put the idea in my head." The idea nearly left his head in a hurry when he made a June journey to Prague to walk the course: "I looked at Taxis and said, 'Well, that's unjumpable for a start.' The distance involved from takeoff to landing was enormous." But by autumn the horror had faded: Collins had decided to give it a go.

In Prague he was met first by frowning disapproval: "I was clearly some degenerate capitalist, a representative of the sort of people who had run the place for a century." That changed startlingly when the Czechs saw his horse in the paddock, the handsome Stephen's Society. Half the crowd pushed nearer to see it; the rest made a bee-line for the tote.

Starting favourite, Stephen's Society won in record time (Collins' ploy of mentally reducing Taxis to two white lines drawn on the turf getting him through his nerves) and the British National Anthem sounded for the first time since 1913. Collins was the new hero of the Pardubicka.

Until the following year. He returned to be greeted by threats. The Embassy had letters and phone calls explaining how two riders had been entered purely to ride Collins off. Then a waitress at his hotel told of an overheard conversation and drew a plan of the course on his tablecloth to indicate where a Russian rider was to come at him from 45 degrees to crash him into Taxis.

Why? "Nothing personal. But this was the Pardubicka centenary, and while they hated Russians winning, they did not want a British outsider celebrating the 100th birthday either. Some friends seriously wanted me to pull out."

What Collins did was to confront the numbers of riders of 7 and 11 in front of Czech race officials, tell them what he had heard, warn them that a career in British steeplechasing did not make for faint hearts — and point out that his horse was half as big again as theirs, so if it came to pushing into fences . . . Then he boldly rode out. And fell at Taxis "entirely without help from anyone".

The path that Chris Collins blazed has been followed by a few. Brod Munro-Wilson and Charlotte Brew in 1977. Neither got round. Then Mike Roberts and George Goring got slowly and safely to the finish in 1983, both taking full advantage of the Pardubicka custom that you remount after falling, give your mount a rest, then try again after refusals, and — when necessary — pull up to let the leaders cross your path at the places where the course crosses its own line.

But perhaps the bravest challenge has been that of George Saunders. Now 67, Saunders was hoping to make his third attempt tomorrow, though one of his sponsors fell at a late hurdle, leaving him short of the penny-careful £7,500 budget he had worked out.

Saunders is one of those eccentric characters who make sport worth preserving if only to give flavour to life: born in Bavaria to six Christian names and a title, he was given the name Roberts by the British when they decided in the war to bring him out of internment and make him a commando. An adventuous war was followed by a scarcely-dull life as SAS-trooper, Gordonstoun schoolmaster, Singapore police superintendent, comptroller to the Sultan of Pahang, salesman to and for Arabs, rider to hounds, point-to-pointer and polo player.

For such a man, the Pardubicka was an irresistible challenge. Even after his horse, Pahang, died under him at Taxis on his first attempt in 1982 ("No lasting sadness, though he was a marvellous horse. He died doing what he loved"). Even after he was carted off after a heavy fall from French Bob in 1983.

It is from such men as these that William Sporborg has picked up the little he knows about tomorrow's task. "I know that if you can keep it together until after Taxis, you are in with a chance — because three-quarters of the field will have fallen. And at the Taxis you can't stand back — you have to hit it with your horse or you'll never make the distance."

Horse-sense of this sort comes easily to Sporborg: he has been on them since the age of four. Showjumping, eventing, and a little polo followed in turn, all fitted in around school at Radley and a classics degree at Magdalene (he was Master of the drag-hunt while at Cambridge). As a point-to-point rider William has 13 wins thus far.

But it is a horse that takes him to the Pardubicka. His father bought Free Flow — otherwise Ozzie — from Ireland as a four-year-old to hunt. It wasn't the thing Ozzie did best. But he was exceptionally fast.

Because he had not been registered before the age of three, Ozzie cannot run in official races (though a third and two victories in four members-club events indicate his usefulness). "The subject of what to do with Ozzie came up over a drink. Someone suggested the Pardubicka. I thought it was a joke. But by the time we had all stopped laughing, Dad had gone for the visas."

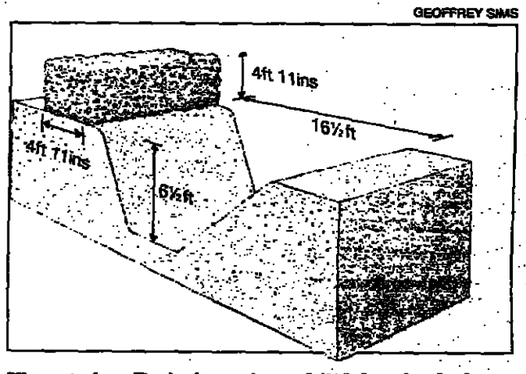
Now a contingent of family, friends and farming neighbours has assembled in Prague to see the "joke" to its end. William Sporborg, who has ridden around Aintree (on a non-National day), is calm. "We are capable of a good show if Ozzie and I get our act together on the day. But I shan't be having a bet."

Nor, probably, will his following. It is pointless, because like the near-£10,000 prize-money, winnings cannot be brought out of Czechoslovakia.

Nothing, then, could make it more plain — men like Sporborg take their horses to face the Pardubicka because, like an equestrian Everest, it's there. And because at the fag-end of the 20th century, with the counts and the cavalrymen long dead, there are only so many moral ways in which young gentlemen can discover for themselves of what they are made.

'At the Taxis you can't stand back'

GEOFFREY SIMS



The notorious Taxis: it requires a 24½ft leap by the horse

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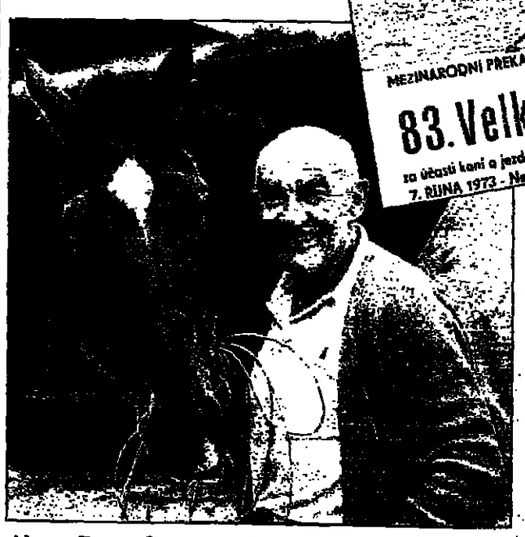
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Above: George Saunders, who tackled the Pardubicka in 1982 and '83. Right: Chris Collins, and the literature to prove he took part in (and won) the race's 83rd running

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Nicholas's search for magic of his youth


Nicholas: back in shape

Five wasted years are hard to forget and even harder to make up for, especially when you have lived life to the full as Charlie Nicholas has. But the early impressions following his return to Scotland in January are that he might just succeed in rolling back the years.

And what better to stoke the smouldering talent of potentially one of the most gifted players to emerge from north of the border than the sight of Rangers roaring away to glory at home and abroad. Such a painful prospect for a man whose heart is ringed with green and white hoops became all the more acute this week when his own club, Aberdeen, fell by the wayside in Europe.

Today, at Pittodrie, Aberdeen have the chance to check Rangers's advance on one of the domestic fronts, at least, and nothing could provide a greater spur to Nicholas's recovery from the ankle injury which kept him out of the UEFA Cup tie in Dresden this week.

While the mind is willing, the flesh is not so much weak, there is just less of it. His once ample posterior has been reduced to a more athletic shape as Nicholas has slimmed down by half a stone to list 2lb, which was what he weighed when he was at Parkhead. Nicholas was sent to a boxing coach, who recommended half an hour's swimming every morning as a cure for tiredness in his hamstrings whenever he ran.

It seems illogical that a player, not renowned for his speed, should be permitted to put on weight as he was by Arsenal during those otherwise five lean years. Nicholas blames the club's style of coaching under both Don Howe and George Graham and his own lack of initiative. His digs during his first year, a swish Hertfordshire country club, was hardly the sort of spartan environment which produces winners.

"At Arsenal it was all geared to coaching sessions. It slows the whole thing down. Suddenly your fitness becomes a problem if you don't look after it — which I didn't. Maybe I needed somebody to show me. Some players need to work on their ball skills. What I needed was just hard work, but not the English kind.

"In Scotland we train far harder than the English boys. They can probably do more physically demanding things like cross-country running and think they're fit. But they don't do the hard work with the ball, although I know Liverpool do it. We were over coached at Arsenal. That's why we struggled and looked an average team with so many good players.

"At Celtic it was constant football, constant hard work. The hardest part of the game is being able to dribble, beat two or three men and still have the energy to finish."

He realises now that that was what his game lacked down south. The regularity of matches in Scotland, every Wednesday and Saturday right up to Christmas, is helping him to sharpen his skills again. Paradoxically, he believes that Arsenal made him a better player. "I can bring midfield players into the game more by securing possession for them," he said. "I admired Don Howe's coaching and George Graham was a good coach for the type of style that he wants to play."

But it was not Nicholas's style. He knows now that he should have chosen Liverpool or Manchester United. He believes that he would have gone to Old Trafford if Ron Atkinson, the manager, had indicated in talks that he "really wanted me or knew where he wanted to play me".

He rejected Liverpool because he knew that Kenny Dalglish — "the greatest player in British football" — still had three years left in him. "Who was I as the newcomer from Scotland to replace the likes of Dalglish or Rush? But I think I would have fitted into Liverpool in a way that I could at few English clubs."

Nicholas believes that the move back to Scotland suits his game.

"We should look closely at England's failure in the European championship and comments like those of Hoddle that we are falling behind in technique. I was interested to hear that Terry Venables says that he wants Tottenham to start playing football again, and yet, like Arsenal, his team seems to be geared towards effort. Anyway I thought that was how Tottenham had been playing before he arrived."

Nicholas believes that he is not too old at 26 to regain the magic of his youth and with it a place in the national team.

FOOTBALL: NORWICH'S OPPORTUNITY TO STEAL A MARCH ON LEADERS

Stringer plans the assault on Derby defensive blockade

By Louise Taylor

With Millwall, the unlikely League leaders, taking an enforced Saturday afternoon sabbatical, Norwich City are presented with an ideal opportunity to re-assume the mantle they discarded by losing at home to Charlton Athletic last weekend.

That reverse prompted suggestions that Norwich's early results have flattered to deceive. The obvious way for Dave Stringer's team to silence the critics is by succeeding at Derby County today. However, as Derby presently boast the best defensive record in the League, that will be easier said than done.

However, Stringer believes last Saturday could prove just the psychological incentive his players require. "Last week was a bit of a shock but it could be a blessing in disguise," he said. "It was a kick up the backside for the players who may have been a bit complacent. They had done well until then and one defeat doesn't suddenly make them a bad team. They all deserve the chance to put things right against Derby."

While Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, yesterday put an end to speculation that he would join Leeds, it is highly doubtful as to whether anyone would be audacious enough to attempt to poach his counterpart at Liverpool.

Despite a debilitating casualty list and an unscheduled home defeat at the hands of Newcastle United a week ago, Kenny Dalglish's team are comfortably situated in third place, with a chance to reach for the ultimate heights against a Luton Town side still seeking its first home win of the season.

Dalglish may have criticised Aldridge and Rush, his forwards, for failing to deliver the goods inside the penalty area, but nevertheless Liverpool have registered twice as many League goals as this afternoon's hosts.

Indeed, Luton's dismal record of only five successful strikes in their last six League encounters could prompt the re-introduction of Wegerle, the South-African born former Chelsea winger, for only his second first-division game of the season. Barnes, another winger, could return for the visitors.

Liverpool are sandwiched between a trio of unexpected early pace-setters, Millwall, Norwich and, a place below them, Southampton, who are level on points but have a marginally inferior goal difference. They travel to Merseyside to face an Everton team who, despite heavy pre-season investment in the transfer market, have yet to establish a winning rhythm.

In an attempt to arrest a run of three successive defeats, Ratcliffe is drafted into the Goodison defence for the first time since sustaining a severe groin injury in January. If historical precedent is anything to go by, however, Everton have little to worry about — Southampton have failed to win at Goodison in the last 14 years.

The South-North London derby between Charlton Athletic and Tottenham Hotspur pits a club run on a shoestring against a club operating on a budget of millions.

With Ipswich Town second in the second division and Manchester City aiming for a seventh successive victory, today's meeting of the pair at Portman Road should prove intriguing. As John Duncan, the Ipswich manager, said: "Their visit will be the biggest test so far of our ability to sustain a genuine challenge to get back into the top flight.

"I watched them beat Portsmouth 4-1 in midweek and that sort of result speaks for itself. City started a bit slowly but they are bound to be one of the clubs in contention next spring."

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

Aston Villa v Wimbledon
McInally (groin injury) is again absent for Villa who include Lillis, Gallacher and Williams in their squad. Wimbledon are unchanged.

Charlton v Tottenham
Evans, a former England schoolboy international, aged 18, is included in the Charlton squad *for the first time but they are still* without Crooks and Lee. Stuart (suspected appendicitis) is highly *doubtful. Stewart is poised to* make his full League debut for Tottenham.

Derby v Norwich
Hindmarch is drafted into Derby's 14-man squad but Callaghan (hamstring) is again ruled out. An ankle injury to Rosario, sustained during training on Thursday, could force Norwich to alter their team for the first time in eight matches if the forward fails a fitness test this *morning. Goss, Fox and Cooke are* added to the 13 on duty in last week's defeat by Charlton.

Everton v Southampton
Ratcliffe makes his first *appearance for Everton since* sustaining a serious groin injury in January. Watson and Steven *also return following injury but* McDonald, Pointon and Sheedy are all dropped. Rideout (ankle) and *Moore (groin) face late fitness tests* for Southampton.

Luton v Liverpool
Wegerle, the South African born winger, is likely to be recalled to the Luton team for only his second senior game since arriving from Chelsea during the summer. *For Liverpool, Barnes and* Venison face late fitness tests on hamstring injuries.

Newcastle v Coventry
Newcastle retain the side which won at Liverpool last Saturday. Coventry are unchanged for the seventh consecutive match. Phillips, Rodger and Thompson compete for the two vacancies on the substitutes' bench.

Middlesbro v West Ham
Mowbray, the Middlesbrough captain, has recovered from a virus and returns to partner Pallister in the heart of the defence. West Ham welcome back Gale and possibly Stewart (it would be his first senior game in six months) following injury but are without Martin (ankle), Rosenior (hamstring) and Robson (groin).

QPR v Nottm Forest
Johns is once again on standby should Seaman fail a fitness test for Rangers. McDonald, who had a transfer request turned down yesterday, plays despite rumours of an impending move to Tottenham. Maddix is likely to be preferred to Maguire. Carr replaces Rice in the Forest side.

Second division

Blackburn v C Palace
Pemberton has shrugged off a leg injury and is poised to return at full-back for Palace.

Ipswich v Man City
Dozzell has recuperated from a groin strain in time to play for Ipswich. But Wark, suffering from the same problem, faces a late fitness test. Linighan is poised to deputize. Moulden plays for the visitors despite stiches in his nose which means City are unchanged.

Leeds v Watford
Aspin returns at full-back in place of the injured Haddock (knee) for Leeds. Blissett retains his place in an unchanged Watford side.

Wait and see draw for Scots' survivors

By Roddy Forsyth

Of Scotland's four surviving representatives in the European club tournaments, three must wait to discover the identity of their opponents in the next round. Only Dundee United came out of the draw in Switzerland yesterday with an unambiguous tie but along with the knowledge that they must meet Dynamo Bucharest in the Cup Winners' Cup came the realisation that they face what appears to be the most difficult task of the four.

Rangers and Celtic are both likely to visit Germany, although their fortunes probably lie on either side of that country's great divide. In the European Cup, Celtic will play Werder Bremen or Dynamo Berlin, with the odds favouring Dinamo, who lead 3-0 from their first leg tie at home.

Billy McNeill, the Celtic manager, said yesterday: "Either side would be a tough prospect but at least there are two advantages in the draw. First of all, the travelling should not be a problem wherever we go and secondly, we will have someone at their second leg match on Tuesday, which should tell us a lot.

"Teams can sometimes fool you when you see them in their domestic league but this pair will have to show us something of the form we can expect to face, whether it be Dinamo defending their lead or Werder attempting to score goals."

Rangers, meanwhile, were paired with the winner of another undecided tie, between Antwerp and Cologne in the UEFA Cup. The German side has a 4-2 lead from the first match in Belgium. Like Celtic, Rangers will have the return match watched.

Also in the UEFA Cup are Heart of Midlothian and they, too, have to wait on the outcome of an undecided tie, this time between Austria Vienna and the Soviet team, Zhalgiris Vilnius, from Lithuania, who led 2-0 from the first leg.

However, Hearts had a travel representative present at the draw and he will go on to Vienna to arrange for a video of the game to be delivered to Tynecastle plus any other information which can be gleaned at such short notice.

The Dundee United manager was predictably glum about the notion of a journey to Romania for a Cup Winners' Cup fixture. "It is a very difficult tie because of the combination of long travel and the quality of the opposition," Jim McLean said.

"Romanian teams often appear to be less glamorous than some other European sides but usually they turn out to be highly skilled and well organized. They came second to Steau Bucharest by a single point in the Romanian championship with 62 points from 34 games and they only lost one league match during the season."

McLean's inbuilt pessimism was compounded by the fact that the United assistant manager, Jimmy Bone will be obliged to judge them on the basis of a single fixture, against Oft next week.

Cardiff City's reward for beating the League of Ireland leaders, Derry City is a second round tie which they could survive. Their opponents in the European Cup Winners' Cup are the Danish club, Aarhus, two of whose players faced England in the international at Wembley last month. They are Rasmussen, the goalkeeper, and Kristensen who came on as substitute.

Second round draws

EUROPEAN CUP: Milan v Red Star Belgrade; Neuchâtel Xamax (Switz) v Galatasaray (Tur); Celtic v Werder Bremen or Dynamo Berlin; PSV Eindhoven v FC Porto; Steaua Bucharest v Spartak Moscow; Nentori Tirana (Alb) v Göteborg; Club Bruges v Monaco; Gornik Zabrze (Pol) v Real Madrid.
CUP WINNERS' CUP: Groningen (Neth) v Servette (Switz); Dynamo Minsk v Victoria Bucharest; Nuremberg or AS Roma v Partizan Belgrade or Slavia Sofia; Mechelen (Bel) v Anderlecht (Bel); Dundee United v Dynamo Bucharest; Barcelona v Lech Poznan (Pol); Carl Zeiss Jena (EG) v Sampdoria (It); Eintracht Frankfurt v Sakaryaspor (Tur); CSKA Sofia v Panathinaikos; Cardiff City v Aarhus (Den); Rode JC Kerkade (Neth) v Kharkov (USSR).
UEFA CUP: Real Sociedad (Sp) v Sporting Lisbon; Haarts v Austria Vienna or Zhalgiris Vilnius (USSR); Lokomotiv Leipzig v Napoli ; Dynamo Zagreb v VfB Stuttgart or Tatabanya (Hung); Ujpest Dozsa (Hung) v Bordeaux; Rangers v Cologne or Antwerp; Otelul Galati (Rom) or Juventus v Athletic Bilbao; Velez Mostar (Yug) v Lewerkusen (WG) or Belenenses (Port); Bayern Munich v Dunajska Streda (Cz); Dynamo Dresden v Waregem (Bel); Foto Net Vienna v Turun Palloseura (Fin); Internazionale v Malmö; Liège (Bel) v Benfica.
(Matches to be played on October 26 and November 9).

CRICKET


Unsubdued by spinners: Border manfully shoulders Australia's challenge against Pakistan

Border earns most caps and offers sternest resistance

From Richard Streeton
Lahore

Australia were again tormented by the Pakistan spin bowlers yesterday when the third and final Test match began here. Allan Border was the only batsman who refused to be subdued as Australia scored 175 for three wickets in a 5½-hour day.

Border drove nine fours as he reached 54 not out when he came in after Boon and Jones were out in successive overs. The innings was in the balance after a promising start but Border manfully shouldered the necessary challenge. Border was playing his 97th Test match to become Australia's most capped player — displacing Rodney Marsh in the record books.

Though a good pitch yielded them little turn, the three slow bowlers still managed to prey on the batsmen's minds like a dripping tap in a sleepless night. Abdul Qadir was in action by the 10th over but it was Tauseef, the off-spinner, and Iqbal Qasim, the left-arm bowler, who really dominated whenever they bowled.

Varied flight and trajectory were their weapons with no two balls the same. Marsh was forced to remain in his shell five hours for 64, while Jones fell for nought without offering a stroke, completely bamboozled by Tauseef. At times the scoring was painfully slow but Pakistan demonstrated spin bowling at its best.

For the first time in this series the start of a Test was not marked by a clatter of early wickets. Boon and Marsh were not in the slightest difficulty after Border at last won a toss. Overnight the pitch had been shaved, leaving only patches of rooted grass and both sides decided at the 11th hour against including an extra pace bowler. Australia preferred Taylor to Sleep.

The two Australian opening batsmen make an interesting contrast: Boon, thick set and prone to punch the ball past mid-off, or hammer it square on the back foot *à la* Greenidge; Marsh, lean, correct and stylish but always holding his own in the runscoring.

It being Friday, meaning a 90-minute lunch interval for special prayers, the morning session lasted 2½ hours and Australia scored 65 without loss. Qadir and Tauseef each let themselves down by making a song and dance as they appealed for close catches that clearly came off the pad but otherwise there was little incident.

The score was 87 shortly after lunch when Boon leant back once too often and square cut a shade casually against Jaffer, the left-arm fast bowler, who was getting nothing from the pitch. The ball was sliced like a bullet to deep point where Shoaib took a good, low catch in front of him. In the next over, Jones struggled for four balls against Tauseef and then thrust out his left leg to the next as he shouldered arms. Jones made an undefeated 21 as the Faisalabad Test petered out but otherwise his four completed innings have brought 23 runs and he has been leg-before to one or the other of the spinners three times.

Border found the range with two cover-driven fours against Jaffer. Marsh had hinted that the run rate had to be increased just before Boon was out but the quick loss of two wickets slowed him down again. Australia scored only 45 runs from 20 overs in the afternoon, Marsh making 17 of them.

After tea, as some of the strength went from the scorching sun — the temperature was in the high 90s — Tauseef and Iqbal initially tightened the chains. Border broke free with two classic cover drives against the off-spinner. The third wicket had added 67 in 25 overs when Marsh was drawn forward by Iqbal, beaten through the air and stumped. Marsh faced 216 balls and hit nine fours in between lengthy periods of inactivity. Pakistan took the new ball just before the end as Wood stayed with Border, who so far had batted two hours five minutes.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

D C Boon c Shoaib b Jaffer	43
G R Marsh st Yousuf b Qasim	64
D M Jones lbw Tauseef	0
*A R Border not out	54
G M Wood not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 2)	10
Total (3 wkts, 81 overs)	175

S R Waugh, T B A May, P L Taylor, †I A Healy, B A Reid and A I C Dodemaide to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-87, 2-88, 3-155.
BOWLING: Jaffer 18-4-50-1; Mudassar 5-3-10-0; Qadir 16-6-36-0; Tauseef 28-13-44-1; Qasim 13-3-23-1; Shoaib 1-0-4-0.
PAKISTAN: Mudassar Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, *Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmad, †Saleem Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Tauseef Ahmad, Saleem Jaffer.
Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Salim Badar.

Lahore (Reuter) — Pakistan have turned down suggestions that the return of Imran Khan could result in a change of captaincy. Arif Abbasi, secretary of the Pakistani Board of Cricket Control, said Javed Miandad would stay as captain. "We have not limited his tenure as captain to one or two series," he said.

Abbasi said Imran was quite willing to go to Australia for the one-day series and also to New Zealand for the three-Test tour later this winter "as an ordinary member of the team."

Linfield urged to pick up that winning thread

By George Ace

Linfield's game against Coleraine at the showgrounds this afternoon is of academic interest to the Windsor Park club as they are already assured of a semi-final place in the TNT Gold Cup. But that is not the way Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, sees it.

"The lads are bound to be a little down after Wednesday night's 1-1 result in the EUFA Cup. It is important that they pick up the winning thread again. We have 15 points from five games played in the competition and our objective is to finish with 21 from seven," Coyle said.

With Glentoran switching their game against Distillery to last night, Belfast is without senior football today.

The other three clubs based in the city, Linfield, Cliftonville and Crusaders are all away.

● Brentford have agreed terms with Maltese club, Sliema, for the transfer of their defender, John Buttigieg, aged 24, and expect the deal to be completed shortly.

Buttigieg, who has been capped 24 times by Malta, went on a pre-season tour of Portugal with Brentford.

● Wrexham have signed Martin Lane, the Coventry City defender, on a month's loan.

The left-back, aged 27, turned down an earlier offer from Wrexham, but changed his mind after a fresh approach from manager Dixie McNeil.

Rangers away day just the ticket for Aberdeen

By Roddy Forsyth

If Aberdeen needed any excuse for depression this week, they need look no further than their UEFA Cup defeat by Dinamo Dresden on Wednesday. If they require any motivation to return to winning form as quickly as possible it comes ready packaged today in the form of a visit by Rangers.

The Glasgow team are league leaders and a powerful odds-on bet to sustain their advantage until the end of the season. In fact, the statistically minded will have noted that this afternoon marks the quarter way stage in the Scottish league campaign and it is Rangers' away record which advertises their dominance to date.

They have travelled to play Hamilton, Motherwell, Hearts and Dundee United without the loss of a point and if they should extend that record against Aberdeen today and Hibernian on Wednesday the bookies are likely to suspend all bets on their title chances for the foreseeable future.

For all of the foregoing reasons, this afternoon's fixture at Pittodrie is a significant encounter. The Aberdeen joint-manager, Alex Smith, said yesterday: "I believe it has the potential to be a truly great game. We are the side best equipped to pull Rangers back towards the pack and I know that the other championship contenders look to us to do so. Aside from which, we met them again in the Skol Cup final in two weeks' time and we would dearly like the psychological advantage of a win now".

Charlie Nicholas has overcome the effects of the ankle injury which hampered him against Dresden and is likely to play while Rangers can recall John Brown after his European suspension and include their new signing, Neale Cooper, in the squad which travelled north yesterday.

As one would expect, Celtic were in chirpy mood yesterday and, as the champions' manager, Billy McNeill, said: "The win over Honved on Wednesday has lifted everyone and there is a buzz about the place today. I want that energy translated into a good result in the league so we can truly believe we have turned the corner at last".

Celtic play St Mirren at Parkhead and the home team have doubts about Frank McAvennie, with a hand injury, and Andy Walker, who has a groin strain.

Elsewhere, Hearts and Motherwell are likely to be unchanged for their encounter at Tynecastle and Dundee and Hibernian have no serious doubts before they meet at Dens Park. Dundee United, however, are likely to be unrecognisable with several players either injured or dropped by manager, Jim McLean, because of poor form and injury. They will be without their normal attacking partnership of Gallacher and Paatelainen when they visit at Hamilton Academicals at Douglas Park.

MOTOR RACING

Brundle set to clinch drivers' title

Martin Brundle, the leading Jaguar team driver, needs to finish in first or second place in the tenth round of the Sports-Prototype World Championship in Japan tomorrow to clinch the drivers' title.

Jaguar have already won the team championship for the second successive year, having scored enough points after nine of the season's 11 races. Yesterday Brundle practised on the spectacular track below Mount Fuji, and said: "I have been the quickest in the rain, and Jaguar was comfortably the fastest of all the cars."

Brundle, who leads the championship table with 215 points from Jean-Louis Schlesser, of France, on 208, is paired with Eddie Cheever, of the United States.

● Derek Higgins, of Slough, will complete a championship double by winning the RAC British Formula Ford 1600 title at Donington Park tomorrow.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Call for Government aid to combat drugs

By Andrew Longmore

All British competitors in line for international selection should in future be subject to compulsory drug-testing during training, Charles Palmer, chairman of the British Olympic Association, said yesterday. But, he added, the cost of such widespread testing would have to be met by increased funds from the Government.

"There is no problem with the principle of compulsory drug-testing for competitors during training, it's purely a matter of resources. I would like to see more testing stations and increased Government backing for such testing facilities as the Chelsea College and I hope our sports minister is stressing that point," Palmer told a small gathering of journalists and lawyers at a lunch hosted by the law firm, Frere Cholmeley.

"What we learned from Seoul is that we and the International Olympic Committee are on the right track and that the investment we have made is beginning to pay off, but we would rather be using the money more productively. I believe that only 10 to 15 per cent of top-class competitors who have access to drugs are succumbing to the temptation to take them, but the reason they do that is because they feel the rest are taking them. We have to break that way of thinking," he added.

Palmer also pointed the finger at United States coaches, who, he said, had more to answer for than their counterparts in the Soviet Union because they have encouraged athletes to believe that winning is everything, whatever the cost. "What is important about the publicity over drugs in Seoul is that our future competitors will be dissuaded from taking drugs and my message to them is: 'Don't do it; the chances of being caught are increasing all the time. It's just not worth it'."

TENNIS

Top seeds easy meat for hungry Swede

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Cecilia Dahlman, of Malmo, aged 20, had to buy dinner for three last evening. She was lucky, though, because Jonna Jonerup and the team coach, Birger Folke, were the only handy Swedes eligible for a free meal.

The Swedes, men and women alike, encourage the team concept. The arrangement on the Volvo-sponsored women's squad is that any player who wins a tournament, singles or doubles, has to invite the rest to dinner.

Dahlman could afford it yesterday, because her total prize-money from the £14,500 women's tournament at The Ball Park, Eastbourne, was £2,350. In her first singles final at this level of competition, she beat Carin Bakkum, of Amsterdam, by 7-6, 6-0. Both are so tall and slim that, when preparing to serve, they seemed to unfold in yards.

Dahlman won all her five matches in straight sets. Her last two victims were the second and first seeds. In terms familiar to hospital bulletins, she is making satisfactory progress — based on an uncommon capacity for work and the confidence to hit hard on both flanks, to a full length, whatever the competitive stress.

This second quality was much in evidence during her 58-minute first set with the more experienced Bakkum, who showed slightly more tactical variety but was less consistent. Dahlman had a break point at five-all, but in the next game Bakkum had two set points.

Dahlman played the sounder tie-break and then survived two break points in the first game of the second set. That game — punctuated by an exchange of words between the players after Bakkum's strong hints that the line calls were falling short of perfection — was critical to the morale of both players.

The match had a visually amusing last point, with Dahlman so much on her heels that she sat down abruptly as Bakkum hit long. In tennis, as in boxing, it is unusual for a winner to finish on the floor.

In tennis it is equally unusual for a player to sit down on courts that are vacuumed once a week, as happens at The Ball Park. This remarkably comprehensive complex, opened only 18 months ago, has two lavishly equipped gymnasia, a staff of 55, and has closed the membership at more than 2,700. There are waiting lists for tennis, squash, and badminton.

The week's trial marriage between The Ball Park and the international women's circuit ended with a doubles final in which Bakkum and a compatriot, Simone Schilder, beat Valda Lake and Anne Simpkin, of Britain, by 6-4, 6-4. That result took Bakkum's prize money beyond £1,800. Aged 26, she may be unaware that these "challenger" tournaments are mainly for youngsters on the back row of the international chorus lines.

ATHLETICS

Champion show to end season

Tokyo (AFP) — Florence Griffith-Joyner, who won three gold and one silver medal for the United States in Seoul, heads a top-quality field at the traditional end-of-season international track and field meeting here today.

Griffith-Joyner, aged 28, is one of 16 Olympic gold medal winners who will feature at the meeting, and will run against the women she beat in Seoul — fellow-American Evelyn Ashford in the 100 metres and Grace Jackson, of Jamaica, in the 200 metres.

She said yesterday that she did not expect to break her world record of 10.49sec for 100 metres in Tokyo: "After such a big games, I think I will run around around 10.80."

Other Olympic champions who are due to compete include Carl Lewis (who took the 100 metres and long jump titles), Joe DeLoach (200 metres) and Andre Phillips (400 metres hurdles), all American, the Soviet pole vaulter, Sergei Bubka, his compatriots Olga Bondarenko (10,000 metres) and Olga Bryzgina (400 metres), and the Bulgarian triple jumper, Khristo Markov.

In the men's 400 metres hurdles, Senegal's first Olympic silver medal winner, Amadou Dia Ba, will renew his rivalry with Phillips, though Ed Moses, the Olympic champion in 1976 and 1984, who placed "only" third in Seoul, will be noted by his absence.

Lewis, who was runner-up to DeLoach in the 200 metres in Seoul, has entered only the 100 metres race here, to the disappointment of enthusiastic Japanese track followers.

Organizers anticipate that 77 Seoul Olympians from 18 nations will take part, as well as some 130 Japanese.

More trouble for Johnson

Toronto (Reuter) — Ben Johnson, who was stripped of the 100 metres gold medal in Seoul, has surrendered a starter's pistol to police after a motorist complained of being threatened, police said yesterday.

A spokesman for Ontario Provincial Police said the motorist told police that the driver of a black Porsche pointed a gun at him while he was driving on a highway. The motorist gave the car's licence number to police and it corresponded to that of Johnson's car.

The spokesman said no charges had been filed against Johnson — a starter's pistol fires only blanks.

RUBGY UNION: MOSELEY SEEK FIRST WIN AT BRISTOL FOR 34 YEARS WHILE LONDON SELECTORS HOPE SALMON IS FIT

Welsh union braces itself for New Zealand tour report

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

As England goes into the third weekend of this season's Courage Clubs Championship — a competition which is causing increasingly anxious glances in Wales — the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) nerves itself for a special meeting on October 24 to discuss the report on Wales's ill-fated tour to New Zealand in the summer, prepared by Rod Morgan, the tour manager.

"It was felt inappropriate to discuss the report in the normal monthly meeting because the manager has made a number of recommendations," Ray Williams, the WRU secretary, said yesterday.

"The tour was such a disaster in playing terms (six of the eight matches were lost, including both internationals) that we have got to address ourselves to his recommendations. It is the first time we have held a session to discuss such a report."

Since the tour, Wales have divested themselves of both Tony Gray and Derek Quinnell, coach and assistant coach respectively, and replaced them with John Ryan and Stan Addicott, whose first international tasks will be the B match with France on October 29 and the game against Western Samoa on November 12.

The Samoan tour, which begins next Wednesday, will be sponsored by Red Stripe Lager, and the bulk of the party should arrive, somewhat belatedly, today.

The WRU have confirmed the dates of the centenary matches which the Barbarians will play in 1990: the invitation club will play England on September 29 at Twickenham and Wales at Cardiff a week later. It is also hoped that next year a Wales B party will go on tour, probably to Canada with whom negotiations are under way.

In the course of today's league matches, London will hope to see the fitness of Salmon confirmed when Harlequins play Liverpool-St Helens. The centre is due to captain the divisional XV against the Australians next Saturday but the selectors will have to look elsewhere for a replacement back, since Davies has not recovered from a damaged bicep in time to play for Wasps against Gloucester.

Butcher, the Harlequins No. 8 capped three times by England in 1984 and who returned from Durban this week where he played for Natal, is due to play for the club's second XV against Blackheath Wanderers today. If his form and fitness hold up, he will undoubtedly press Langhorn for a place in the back row of the senior side.

Moseley will be seeking their first win at Bristol since 1954 — the nearest they have come is a 12-12 draw five years ago — while in the second division at Sale, where Saracens are the visitors, there will be an interesting clash between two divisional No. 8s, Macfarlane, of the North and Ryan, of London, both of whom may reasonably hope for an England B place at some time this season.

Oxford University returned last weekend from Japan, unbeaten in five games which included a 23-12 win over the national XV. Their three Australian internationals, Smith, Williams and Coker, did all the scoring then and play today in the first meeting with Loughborough University, as does Kirk, the New Zealand scrum half. Another Australian, Egerton, the full back, will miss the next month because of a broken jaw.

Cambridge had three games in Taiwan and two in the West Country before beginning their traditional club programme, which continues today at Grange Road against Bridgend.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

First division

Bristol v Moseley
Harding returns at scrum half for Bristol, who have Carr (wing) and Collings (No. 8) in action. Robson, Moseley's captain, has recovered from an ankle injury while Bishop (prop) and Lloyd (lock) make their league debuts.

Gloucester v Wasps
Gloucester prefer Price on the wing and have Preedy (prop), Scrivens (lock) and Gedd (flanker) in their pack. Wasps play Pilgrim at full back and bring in Easton at lock for the suspended Pinneger, but rest Pegler (flanker).

Harlequins v Lvrpl-St H
Harlequins field 14 of last season's cup final side, the exception being Eagle for Davis on the wing. Liverpool introduce Shinwell on the wing for the unavailable Bruchez, also their goal-kicker, and Pugh plays lock.

Leicester v Orrell
Rib injuries prevent Wells playing for Leicester so Carr makes his first league appearance at flanker. Orrell, the only club to beat Leicester in the league last season, play Dalydd on the wing and hope Ainscough will be fit to play stand-off.

Rosslyn Park v Bath
Park have lost Wiles, injured, and call upon Freeman at centre. Cronin, the Scotland lock, plays his first league game of the season and Bath hope Egerton and Hall have recovered from minor injuries in time to play in the back row.

Waterloo v Nottingham
Cooley plays his first league game of the season on Waterloo's wing but the back five of the pack is shuffled, Connor moving to lock, Allott to No. 8 and Gallagher reverting to flanker. Nottingham are at strength with Hackney having recovered on the wing and Hardey back at centre.

Second division

Gosforth v Richmond
Bainbridge resumes in Gosforth's second row and Walker, last season's leading try scorer, plays scrum half. Hampel returns as Richmond's full back.

Headingley v Bedford
Sellar (hooker) and Summers (scrum half) return for Headingley after county duty, while Lumbley replaces the injured Brown in the back row. The experienced Howe hooks for Bedford, who field Harris at No. 8.

L Irish v Northampton
The Irish restore three internationals to their pack, Francis (lock), Whittle and Collins (flankers), and have Mullin at centre and Geoghan (wing). Fox replaces Pearce, the injured Northampton prop, and Hughes plays scrum half.

L Scottish v Blackheath
Hastings appears at full back for Scottish, who have Borthwick (prop) and Tosh (lock) in their pack. Blackheath have Parker and Alcorn on the wings, Fenby and Stokes return to the front row, Vaughan and Swain to the back row.

L Welsh v Coventry
Humphreys has recovered from injury and is at full back for the Welsh, with Chris Evans at stand-off. Coventry are without Medford (centre) and Travers (No. 8), so move In Parton from the wing where Hall plays and Wright goes into the back row.

Sale v Saracens
The former Aspatria half backs, Doggart and Pears, appear together for the first time in Sale's league team but there is a fitness doubt over Simpson (hooker). Saracens play Malone (lock) and bring in Leonard (prop) for his first league game.

Club matches

Llanelli v Swansea
May plays his first game of the season in Llanelli's second row, Phil Davies reverting to No. 8. Morgan (wing) and Stephens (stand-off) meet a Swansea team including Arnold, aged 19, at lock and Bowen, last season's national captain, at centre.

Cardiff v Pontypool
Cardiff hope Young will be free to prop in a side with Ring at stand-off and Crandon at centre. Stone comes in at No. 8 as Pontypool bid to build on last week's win over Maesteg.



Hot property: one of Richards's strengths is the number of times he handles the ball

Richards takes the field as a one-man pack of possibilities

By David Hands

If Dean Richards takes the field for Leicester against Orrell today in a somewhat confused state of mind, who would blame him? Is he the answer to England's "problems" at lock forward, where the country appeared to be well off, has he an international future at No. 8; may he even find himself captain of his country in the foreseeable future?

All those possibilities have been mooted since England's last international, against Fiji in Suva in June, when Richards led the pack for the first time. The first definite indication of change may come next Friday, when the Midlands are due to announce their team to play the Australians on October 29 — beating, by a short head, the announcement of the England B team against Australia in which Geoff Cooke, England's team manager, has suggested Richards would be partnered with Wade Dooley in the second row.

The view of Peter Wheeler, who has both played with and coached Richards at Leicester, is instructive: "I believe Dean will play more games for England in the second row than at No. 8, and that he will be a better second row, but the timing has to be right," he said yesterday.

In other words, if the switch is to be made it has to be on terms favourable to Richards, giving the player time to adjust physically and mentally. To talk at the same time of giving Richards the captaincy, Wheeler believes, is a huge burden to impose.

"My view — and I'm not sure it's the club's — is that we have to help Dean," Wheeler said. "If he was playing in the second row, or decided that was what he wanted to do, then he would need help.

"He will need games and practice. I'm not sure we could do that at such short notice in league games at the moment. I don't think he wants to do it yet and I don't blame him.

"I think he will make a very good international second-row forward but once he moves, there will be no going back. People ask a lot of him and he always comes up with the goods but you still have to be fair to the guy.

"I would not seek to influence him, only make him aware of the repercussions of the decision. But the decision has to be his and he is mature enough to make it for himself.

"One of his great strengths is the number of times he gets his hands on the ball during a game and what he does with it. You will lose that if you put him into the second row and you have to be sure you can compensate for it.

"He can turn an amazing amount of bad ball into good possession, around lineouts, racks and mauls — just as Garry Adey used to do for Leicester in the Seventies.

"I've no doubt he will be a great jumper at the front of the lineout. He will push as hard as anyone in the scrums, hit rucks and mauls as well as anyone. As far as the captaincy is concerned, other players have tremendous respect for him because he's such a hard-working guy, someone who people warm to.

"But he will need tremendous help and sympathy from coaches and management if he is to do the job. It took Bill Beaumont two or three international seasons to learn to be a good captain but he became an outstanding one."

● Richards, and several other international players, are due to appear in a guest XV at the Welwyn club tomorrow in a match to raise money for the James Godfrey Fund.

Godfrey, aged 18, was paralysed from the neck down in a schools match a year ago and the fund is to help him establish a potential already evident at a residential college in Alton, where he is studying biology, psychology and mathematics.

GOLF

Taya threatens to blow away the following pack

By Patricia Davies

Pars were conspicuous by their absence as Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya started her second round in the Laing Charity Classic at Stoke Poges yesterday. Tied for the lead overnight on six under par, the Frenchwoman with the powerful, elegant swing began as though she intended rivalling the weather in its efforts to blow the rest of the field away.

Three birdies in the first three holes swept her to nine under and a bogey five at the fourth was balanced by another birdie at the fifth. She drove into the rough at the next and had to hole a 5ft putt for her bogey before picking up her first par at the short seventh, where her birdie putt was understandably tentative on the difficult, sloping green.

Muffled up in bright green waterproofs, Taya holed boldly from 10ft at the eighth to go back to nine under and moved to 10 with a birdie four at the ninth. Out in 33, she was in danger of turning the tournament into a procession, having established a three-shot lead over Peggy Conley, who was in the clubhouse on 139 after a round of 72, one under par.

Conley, who had matched Taya's 67 on the first day, maintained she was not playing well and was lucky to be scoring as well as she was. The weather, which was bitterly wintry rather than mellowly autumnal, made her eyes and nose stream and she complained that the buffeting of the wind had the irritating effect of someone constantly pushing you about.

Julie Brown, of Leek, was less worried by the conditions and gave further evidence of her growing confidence with a 68 that contained six birdies and left her on 140, six under par.

LEADING EARLY SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 139: P Conley (US) 67, 72. 140: J Brown 72, 68. 143: C Panton 67, 72. 144: J Hammond 70, 73; C Dibnah (Aus) 72, 71; T Hammond 70, 73; C Dibnah (Aus) 73, 70. 146: P Grice-Whittaker 73, 73. 147: K Lunn (Aus) 78, 69; P Gonzalez (Col) 74, 73; L Davies 72, 75; E Glass 71, 76; A Sheard (SA) 74, 73; A Jones (Aus) 71, 76. 148: B Helbig (WG) 74, 74. 149: M Wennersten (Swe) 74, 75. 151: R Lautens (Switz) 76, 75. 152: K Douglas 79, 73; X Wunsch (Sp) 76, 76.

Plan to speed up game

At their annual meeting at Stoke Poges on Thursday night — their first as an independent body — the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour launched a concerted attack on slow play, the plague of the modern game (Patricia Davies writes).

"The players brought the subject up themselves," said Joe Flanagan, the tour's executive director, "and voted overwhelmingly to stamp it out. I'll be discussing the best way of implementing it with all my tournament directors, but I expect the two-stroke penalty to be used much more severely next season."

The women will also be keeping a close eye on playing standards and anyone averaging more than nine over par for eight consecutive rounds will be taken off the tour and advised to go away and practise. Flanagan envisages tighter controls: "It's very liberal, especially since the current average per round for the tour is four over par," he said.

HOCKEY

Golden chance of watching Grimley

By Sydney Friskin

Barely a week after winning an Olympic gold medal in Seoul, Martyn Grimley, Great Britain's wing half, can be seen in action tomorrow in a match between an England XI and Cheshire on a new sand-filled artificial turf pitch at Manchester University's Armitage Centre ground. The match forms part of Cheshire's centenary celebrations.

The England XI is being raised by Norman Hughes, a former England and Great Britain captain, who plays for Wakefield. Hughes had invited three other members of the gold medal winning squad, Ian Taylor, Paul Barber and Imran Sherwani, but only Grimley was able to accept.

Also in Hughes's side are Craig, Bolland, Langston, the England under-21 goalkeeper, Stamp, Beechener and Leach. Cheshire, as expected, will be captained by Malcolm Wilkinson, a former England international who played in the World Cup tournament in Bombay in 1982 and Asbcroft, the Welsh goalkeeper, is also available. Steve Greene is away but will be back in time to play for the county during the season.

Yet another member of the Great Britain squad, Bernie Cotton, the assistant manager, has agred to play for an International XI selected by Tony Ekins, a former England manager, against an Old Felstedian XI on the occasion of the school opening a new sand-filled synthetic pitch. Cotton and Ekins were associated with Southgate's former triumphs in winning the European club championship from 1976 to 1978.

The International XI includes the father and son combination of Mike and Quentin Crowe and John Hurst, who until recently was in the Great Britain squad. Among the younger players chosen by Ekins are three members of England's under-21 team, winners of the silver medal at the European junior championship at Santander in July — Halls, Krishman and Nick Thompson.

The first round of the national club championship for the Nationwide Anglia Cup will be played on October 16, a day after the start of the Pound-stretcher National League. The teams taking part in the league will join the knockout competition from the third round.

The format for the tournament is as usual with the first two rounds being played on a regional basis, the surviving teams going into an open draw for the third round. Southgate have won the event for the past four years.

DRAW: Sceptic Hendon v Gerrard's Cross; Herne Bay v Purley; Maidenhead v NPL; Wimbledon v Tulse Hill; Enfield v Bognor; Staines v Hampstead; South Saxons v Bromley; Old Tauntonians v Whitney; Tunbridge Wells v Old Edwardians; Trojans v Mid-Surrey; High Wycombe v Old Kingstonians; Old Whitgiftians v Winchester; Sudbury v Dulwich; Barnes v Beckenham; Croydon v Banbury; Blackheath v Lloyds Bank; Old Holcombians v REME; Wellington College v Marlow; Spencer v Worthing; Maidon Rissents v Southgate Adelaide; Eastcote v Fareham; Woking v Fleet; Oxford Hawks v Welton. East: Long Sutton v Suffolk Exiles; Welsbech Town v Ipswich; Bury St Edmunds v Southend; Ford v St Albans; Cambridgeshire Nomads v Bluehartts; Roses v Norfolk Wanderers or Pelicans; Peterborough v Colchester; Letchworth v Harleston Magpies; Norwich Grasshoppers v Welwyn Garden City; Bedfordshire Eagles v Chelmsford; Bedford Town v RAF. North: York v Timperley; Preston v Brooklands; Norton v Stockton; West Derby v Sheffield; Ben Rhydding v Bowdon; Ramghana v Hightown; Farsley v St George's; Durham University v Alderley Edge; Bradford v Tynemouth; Liverpool Sefton v Rotherham; Southport v Vikings (IoM); Whitehaven v Harrogate. Midlands: Khalsa v John Players; Streetley v Northampton Saints; Bloxwich v Handsworth Eagles; Stone v South Notts; Pickwick v Gymlit; Bridgeworth v Kings Heath; Leicester Westleigh v Derwent; Olton and West Warwickshire v Barford Tigers; Redditch v Nuneaton; Derby v Edgbaston. West: Weston-super-Mare v Shepton or Marlborough; Gloucester v Jersey; Newquay v Torbay; West Wilts v Firebrands; Westbury v Bridgwater; Ottervale v Plymouth Command; East Devon v Leominster; Cheltenham v Bournemouth.

Leading clubs feel WRU has snubbed them

Confrontation seems increasingly likely between the Welsh Rugby Union and the leading clubs after the executive body's refusal to meet club officials to discuss the question of leagues (Peter Bills writes).

Officials from the 18 leading Merit Table clubs consider they have been snubbed by the tone of a letter from the union that does not even mention the clubs' request for a meeting.

Glan Tucker, the clubs' spokesman, said: "We feel as though the union has put up a couple of fingers at us. We wrote to them mentioning certain things, none of which have been answered in their reply."

Decisive battle in back row

By Alan Lorimer

Heriot's, who harbour ambitions of winning the McEwan's National League, have strengthened their chances after impressive performances in the first two games this season. Today they face Stewart's Melville at Goldenacre and a win over their Edinburgh rivals could give confirmation that their early success is sustainable.

The Heriot's pack is bolstered in the front row by the return of the Scotland B prop, David Milne, who joins brothers Ian and Ken for what should be a titanic duel against another fraternal formation. Alex and David Brewster. But the decisive battleground might well be around the back row and here Stewart's Melville look better equipped with the return from injury of Finlay Calder, who joins his brother, Jim, giving the Inverleith side considerable offensive power round the fringes.

Heriot's are without Rafferty, the captain, and fellow flanker Robertson, who have both been in outstanding form this season. They are replaced by Bryce and Hutt. Behind the scrum, Heriot's will miss the flair of Murray, who is unavailable but in Steven they have an equally attacking full back.

At Raeburn Place, Hawick, who had a jaded look about them in their narrow victory over Glasgow Academicals, will want to consolidate their position at the top of the league with victory over Edinburgh Academicals who will be without Hogarth, one of several Scottish players in Pennsylvania with the Saltires Seven.

The third unbeaten side, Selkirk, are in Glasgow for their match with Glasgow Highs. Kelvinside who will be able to call on the services of their young lock forward, Watt, who has returned from New Zealand. The Borderers will be without Pow whose injury-time kick earned them victory over Boroughmuir last Saturday, his place going to Keith Johnston.

Malone welcome back Hooks following ban

By George Ace

Stuart Hooks returns to senior rugby with Malone this afternoon for the first time in two years following an Irish Rugby Football Union ban. Hooks, an extremely promising player, was banned after playing in a trial match for the rugby league club, Workington Town.

Last year's International Board ruling made it possible for him to apply for reinstatement as a rugby union player and he will be in the centre today for the opening league encounter with Bangor, the reigning champions, at Gibson Park. Bangor, who defeated Malone in a play-off for last season's Digital Ulster senior league and then lost to the same side in the cup final, will have Crowther at wing forward for Benson in the back row that faced Old Wesley last week. McCoy is at prop after Ireland duties last weekend. Matchett retains his place at scrum half and Terry McMaster is back on the right wing after a viral problem.

It is also rugby in earnest south of the border, with Old Wesley, fancied by many to be a team to be reckoned with in the top section this term, at home to Terenure College.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Missing imports place top clubs in the red

By Keith Macklin

Events 14,000 miles away will again influence tomorrow's first division programme. While New Zealand and Australia fight out the final of the 1988 World Cup in Auckland, three British sides take the field without their inspiring leaders and top performers.

Wigan have once again decided to go through with a difficult fixture despite the fact that they have four men in the New Zealand squad and three others injured. After losing at home to Castleford last week, Wigan travel to Headingley to play Leeds without the Iro brothers, Shelford and Bell, and the injured Hampson, Lydon and Gill. While Wigan are to be congratulated on fulfilling their fixtures, they are surely tempting providence.

The unbeaten League leaders, Castleford, and the surprise team in second place, Salford, meet at Whicldon Road, and it will be a remarkable achievement by Salford to continue their splendid recent run by defeating a Castleford side which has come together to form an all-round attacking and defensive force under their new Australian coach, Darryl Van De Velde.

Both Widnes and Halifax have suffered disappointing reverses in recent weeks. Widnes are another club affected by the World Cup final, with their captain and pack leader, Kurt Sorensen, missing. However, Widnes should win comfortably at home against a Halifax side who are having problems both on and off the field.

Warrington have 13 injuries, a staggering number, but even with several reserves they should account for Featherstone Rovers at Wilderspool. Rovers are having a terrible time, and are conceding points by the sackful.

Wakefield Trinity have stumbled after their bright start in the first division, and they will point to the absence of their New Zealand forward, Mark Graham, as a contributory factor. With Graham again absent, Trinity may struggle hard to overcome an Oldham squad who are just beginning to find form.

Bradford Northern, who are still involved in bitter wrangling with their international winger, Phil Ford, are at home to Hull, and must not be misled by Hull's poor League position. The Humbersiders are just beginning to knit together under their Australian coach, Brian Smith, and were unlucky to be knocked out of the Yorkshire Cup by Leeds on Tuesday.

Hull Kingston Rovers, by contrast, cannot seem to get their act together, even with David Bishop approaching his best form. Their visitors are St Helens.

The Saints, after repeated rebuffs in Wales, including the rejection of £250,000 by Jonathan Davies, yesterday made a Welsh capture from rugby union. After several weeks of negotiation, they signed the Neath winger, Michael Carrington.

To end where we began, in Auckland. Australia start favourites in the World Cup they have monopolized over the years, but New Zealand are capable of upsetting them, and striking a big blow for the underdogs on the world circuit.

CYCLING

Curran all set to become a professional

Paul Curran, whose Olympic medal hopes were shattered when a front wheel spoke snapped, forcing him to change bikes on the last lap of the road race, has his first event tomorrow, since the Seoul Games (Peter Bryan writes).

He has chosen to return home rather than lead a British squad in the two weeks' Commonwealth Bank of Australia tour which starts near Brisbane next weekend.

"My sponsor, Tramanns Steel, want me to defend my British hill-climb title," said Curran, who rides in the 43 miles Houghton Feast road race tomorrow.

The hill-climb championship is on the Nick O' Pendle, near Sabden, and Curran is expected to retain his title. He plans to be able to confirm during the next month that 1989 will see him in his first year as a professional.

LACROSSE

Touring side is out to impress

After a three-week tour in England, the Australian women's side play at Motspur Park, London, today needing only a draw with England to win the three-match series (Peter Tatlow writes).

On the road they have won nine out of 10 games with one drawn, scoring 103 goals to 19 by the English sides. However, in the key territorial games the results were close; West lost 3-4, East 3-5 and South 4-0.

Only four goals divide England and Australia from the two major games.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS
FINSBURY PARK: Civil Service road relay championships: Department of Health and Social Security, 1hr 09mn 44sec. Fastest lap: G Payne (Customs and Excise), 13mn 04sec. Women: C Horne (DHSS), 15mn 31sec.

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-off: Oakland A's 4, Boston Red Sox 3 (Oakland lead best-of-seven series 2-0)

BOXING
ADELAIDE: Commonwealth light-middleweight championship: Troy Waters (Aus) ko Gabet Josanu (Zim), 1st rd.

SPEEDWAY
BRITISH LEAGUE: Swindon 6, King's Lynn 6 (abandoned after two heats, track waterlogged).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 50, Rye House 46.
KNOCKOUT CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Oxford 16, Coventry 14 — abandoned after five heats, track waterlogged). Semi-final, second leg: Belle Vue v Cradley Heath — postponed, track waterlogged.

GOLF
ABILENE, Texas: Southwest Classic: First round (US unless stated): 64: T Purtzer, R Clampett, M Brooks 65: K Clearwater, P Azinger, B Bryant. 67: C Rose, H Green, D Eichelberger, G Powers, D Peoples. 68: K Brown (GB), J Booros, J Renner, H Twitty, R Estes, B Claar, J Gallagher.

ICE HOCKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 2, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Buffalo Sabres 3, Montreal Canadiens 2; Quebec Nordiques 5, Hartford Whalers 2; Philadelphia Flyers 4, New Jersey Devils 1; Chicago Black Hawks 2, New York Rangers 2 (tie); St Louis Blues 8, Minnesota North Stars 3; Calgary Flames 4, New York Rangers 4 (tie); Los Angeles Kings 8, Detroit Red Wings 2; Vancouver Canucks 2, Winnipeg Jets 1.
LONDON CUP: Streatham Redskins 20, Richmond Flyers 1.

RACKETS
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Cheltenham (J J Rooney and J R Bockmann) bt Clifton (M Whatley and J J Neill), 15-12, 15-8, 13-13, 11-15, 15-8. Cheltenham (J Acheson-Gray and R Lawson) bt Wellington (F Morgan and T Sawrey-Cookson), 5-15, 13-18, 15-2, 15-4, 9-15, 15-2, 15-1.

RUGBY UNION
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Colston's 10, Wycliffe 3, King's, Ely 15, Norwich 13; Oakham 15, Stowe 0.

SNOOKER
SOUTHEND: LEP Matchroom championship: First round: J White (Eng), bt C Thorburn (Can), 6-4.

FOOTBALL
EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: AC Milan 5, Vitosha 2 (Milan win 7-2 on agg).
CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, second leg: Sampdoria 2, Norrkoping (Swe) 0 (Sampdoria win 3-2 on agg).
UEFA CUP: First round, second leg: PAOK Salonika 1, Napoli 1 (Napoli win 2-1 on agg); Victoria Bucharest 6, Sliema Wanderers (Malta) 1 (Victoria win 8-1 on agg).
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal 4, Oxford 1; Ipswich 3, Brighton 5.

TENNIS
DARLINGTON: Pro-Kennex national circuit: Mens Final: G Henderson bt R Mathieson, 7-5, 6-4. Womens: Final: K McLoughlin bt G Smith, 7-6, 7-6.
EASTBOURNE: LTA women's challenger tournament: Singles: Final: C Dahlman (Swe) bt C Baldwin (Neth), 7-6, 6-0.
BASLE: Grand Prix tournament: Men's singles: First round: D Nargiso (It) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-2. Second round: M Gustafsson (Swe) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt J Frana, (Arg), 7-6, 6-3; A Mronedoni (Isr) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-2, 7-6, 6-3; A Maneidoni (Swit) bt P Lundgren, (Swe), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. D Nargiso (It) bt M Ostoja (Yugo), 6-2, 7-6, 6-3, S Edberg (Swe) bt L Mattar, (Ar), 6-2, 6-3, J Connors (US) bt E Masso (Arg), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.
BRISBANE: Queensland open championship: Men' singles: Quarter-finals (Aussie unless stated): T Mayotte (US) bt C-U Steeb (WG), 6-2, 6-3; S Matsuoka (Japan) bt J Stoltenberg, 6-3, 8-4; B Dyke bt L Shiras (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; M Davis (US) bt R Fromberg, 7-6, 6-1.
FRANKFURT: Women's exhibition match: S Graf (WG) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-1, 6-2.
NEW ORLEANS: Women's tournament: Second round (US unless stated): C Evert bt R Fairbank (SA), 6-1, 6-3; S Sloane bt E Burgin, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; A Smash bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 5-7, 7-5, 6-1.
SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Eagle Classic tournament: Men's singles: Second round (US unless stated): M Pernfors (Swe) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; G Layendecker bt T Wilkison, 6-2, 7-6; J Pugh bt M Chang, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; P Aldrich (SA) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 7-5, 6-3; D Pate bt D Goldie, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

YACHTING
GENEVA: European 505 Championships: Third race: 1, K Bergstrom and P Bergstrom (Swe); 2, J Erdmann and S Harder (WG); 3, B Peterson and S Storm (Den); 4, K Nilsson and V Zackrisson (Swe). British placings: 8, C Robinson and M Flint. Overall: 1, Bergstrom and Bergstrom; 2, Peterson and Storm; 3, C Lars and F Jorn (Den). British placings: 11, D Peacock and B Peters.

YACHTING

British trimaran leads storm-battered fleet

By Barry Pickthall

Peter Blake and his 60ft British-designed trimaran, Steinlarger I, was expecting to reach Melbourne last night at the end of the penultimate leg in the around Australia yacht race, at the head of a storm-battered fleet that stretches back to Fremantle.

This bi-centennial adventure, which has cost one life and the loss of three yachts so far, has been beset by storm force winds, leaving the 7,500-mile course littered with broken rudders, rigging and one complete wreck. Indeed, conditions during the leg from Adelaide to Hobart became so bad that at one stage the New Zealand leader asked if he could miss out the Tasmanian stopover.

Another skipper, Japan's Minoru Saito, suffered a heart attack shortly after reaching Darwin, and Cathy Hawkins, sailing the second placed trimaran, Verbatim, now resting in Hobart, received a severe electrical shock when a wave crashed into the cockpit and washed her onto the boat's portable 240-volt generator. She was saved by another crewman.

Blake's arrival at Melbourne puts him a leg ahead of his nearest rivals, despite spending a night hove-to off the Tasman coast waiting for the wind and waves to abate before crossing the notorious Bass Strait. He is expected to complete the final 640-mile stage back to Sydney late next week.

Strathclyde host 1990 Special Olympics

By a Special Correspondent

Sargent Shriver, president of Special Olympics International, has signed an agreement in Glasgow accepting an offer by Strathclyde Regional Council to act as host of the 1990 Special Olympics for the mentally handicapped.

Strathclyde will receive 3,000 athletes and 1,000 of their coaches. They will come from 26 countries and use venues including the Scottish Exhibition Centre and Strathclyde Park.

Shriver, whose wife Eunice is a sister of the late President John F Kennedy, thanked Strathclyde for the sensitive understanding it has shown. "The Games will benefit the whole community and succeed transforming lives," he said. The Special Olympics will be staged in July 1990 for nine days.

Councillor Charles Gray, the council leader, said that it was planned that the Games should leave a legacy to help benefit handicapped people generally. Shriver attended a dinner in Glasgow last night to help promote the Games.

A cheque for $10,000 (about £5,900) was presented by Shriver to fund a Scottish conference for people working to help give sport facilities to the mentally handicapped.

IN BRIEF

Rain forces an abandonment at Chatsworth

Heavy rain and gale-force winds have forced the organizers of the Chatsworth Audi International Horse Trials to abandon the event, which had been due to end tomorrow. Conditions at Chatsworth, home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, were so appalling yesterday morning that the steeplechase and much of the cross-country course were waterlogged.

Oldham go public

Oldham rugby league club are going public at the end of the month to pay off their £300,000 debts. They will offer 750,000 ordinary shares at £1 each with a minimum holding of 25. The maximum holding will be five per cent to prevent a one-man takeover.

Gretzky on target

Englewood, California — Wayne Gretzky, who holds 37 National League ice hockey records, scored a goal and made three assists to help lead the Los Angeles Kings to a 8-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday in his first game since transferring from the Edmonton Oilers last summer.

Tournament hitch

Sydney — Graham Lovett, the director of the Australian indoor tennis championships, plagued by the withdrawal of leading players, including Ivan Lendl and Pat Cash, has blamed the Men's Tennis Council for the lack of leading replacements. "The council has an obligation to replace injured players in a tournament and it has not lived up to its obligation," he said.

Childhood of the Champions: bowler Tony Allcock

Master and jack of all trades

Are the great champions of sport born or made? In the first of a series, Mick Cleary traces Tony Allcock's rise to pre-eminence as he prepares for the Superbowl in Manchester next week

Tony Allcock, twice the world indoor bowls champion, has been involved with bowls all his life. Nine months longer than his life, to be precise, for his mother Joan, who was a county champion, carried him round the greens of Leicestershire for the duration of her pregnancy.

"I think I was actually born between the quarter and semi-finals of a tournament," he says. "Although I think the birth put my mother off, and she didn't make the final."

If the staid, faithful pipe 'n baccy of David Bryant are the totems for many of the outdoor game, then the blond, broad, charismatic figure of Allcock with his coloured shirts, typify the indoor game, at which he excels. Though he was literally born to bowls, he did not take up the game until he was 14, and was never pressurized by his parents (his father Ernest was also a county player) to follow them into the sport.

To all intents and purposes, Allcock was an only child. His parents had both been widowed and met each other relatively late in life, so that Tony's step-brothers and sisters were already grown up. Despite the somewhat unusual background to his childhood, Tony felt neither deprived nor lonely.

However, it would seem that the enforced solitariness of his upbringing helped nurture the confident independence which has so characterized his later life and which perhaps accounts for his calm, unruffled nature in the midst of a close, tense match.

From an early age Tony Allcock set out to impress. "Whether it was winning the gold star or getting an extra chocolate," he says, "I wanted it. If there were incentives offered I usually didn't bother. There had to be some sort of reward."

Tony had little time for the ordinary. Why succeed in something everybody else can do? Breeding prize rabbits was his first accomplishment, to the extent that as a callow teenager he was asked to judge at the Three Counties Show. As an 11-year-old vocal soloist he won the Leicester Under-12 competition one afternoon and then proceeded to walk away with the open category the same evening. As a schoolboy show jumper he won a host of medals around the county. And all this time he had not so much touched a bowl let alone caressed one across a green.

"My parents were quite magnificent on that account because they simply enjoyed seeing me enjoy myself. They didn't mind one jot that I seemed to have little or no interest in bowls. As they were also very much running the greengrocery business I was, for the most part, left to my own devices."

When Allcock did take up bowls it was because he wanted to and because he wanted to be good at it. "If I hadn't been, I would have stopped playing almost immediately," he says with utter conviction. There was little danger of that happening.

In his first year, aged 14, at the Fosse Club in Leicester, he won every one of their competitions. Three years later he was county champion. As befits his embryonic introduction to the game, he was a natural. Purists still wince at the ugly snatch of his hand as he delivers the ball. They can only purr with admiration at the end result.

It is this feel for the bowl which is his forté and which perhaps explains his more impressive record indoors than outdoors. "Conditions inside — surface, lighting, atmosphere, are obviously fairly constant," he explained. "Outside, you have to deal with the vagaries of climate and the green itself. My parents never once gave me any tuition in the sport or passed on the hundreds of useful tips which they had probably accumulated. I never asked for any help. I just wanted to play the game naturally. And that is how it has been ever since."

Allcock is a charming, gregarious, sensitive sort. (He carries the wedding ring of his mother — who died two years ago — round his neck.) Such tender qualities almost seem at odds with the phenomenally successful man he is. Even in his original career he got to the top more quickly than most. By the age of 25 he was principal of the Stroud Centre for the Mentally Handicapped, the youngest ever to accede to such a position.

Leaving that profession last year to concentrate on bowls and a concomitant business career was an immensely difficult decision. Characteristically, once taken, Allcock has committed himself wholeheartedly to his new life of full-time bowls player, author and media personality.

He owns a £250,000 property in the Cotswolds, runs a personalized BMW and earned over £20,000 in prize money alone in the last 12 months. And that figure is but a fraction of his income. As he admits, it is not a bad living for one who never practises, never takes it too seriously and who may retire from the sport if the fancy takes him.

"I always need a challenge," he says. "At the moment bowls provides that, but in five years' time, who knows?"



Tony Allcock, aged 11, the vocal soloist, with the trophy he won in an under-12 music festival in Leicester and today, with his bowler of the year award, amid the comfortable surroundings of his cottage in the Cotswolds



A third world brew of cow shots and polo

THE WORLD OF SPORT

LAHORE

An abiding memory of Pakistan sport will be a children's cricket match in an Afghan refugee camp near the Khyber Pass.

The pathos was inescapable: near-naked youngsters, oblivious to the swirling dust from passing carts and the smell from the open, putrid cesspool at silly-point. A cow tethered in the slips remained indifferent when hit by a ball sewn from rope. The stumps were fashioned from twigs; the bat hewn from a plank.

But, typically, these cricketers on the outskirts of Peshawar, were a tribal mixture brought together by historical chance and political mishaps. Pathans, descendants of renowned frontier warriors; Afghans, traditional and worthy opponents. Poor facilities were shared in dreadful surroundings but everyone was content and their potential was obvious. All of Pakistan sport was portrayed in that characteristic, third world cameo.

Already, of course, Pakistan have won honours from their cricket, hockey and squash players. The stars receive financial rewards, grants of land and a nation's adulation. (The Olympic hockey players, though, are the latest to find that the last is soon withdrawn after defeat). Progress in other sports will take time but is surely inevitable. Gifted Pakistanis have never lacked the dedication required for success.

To a visitor, the contrasts in this country are bewildering, with the strict religious tenets, the subjection of women and the ban on alcohol, the most quoted. Mentioned, frequently, too, are the clear acceptance of bribery and corruption; and the fact that a devious approach is a way of life.

The hyprocrisy is epitomized by racing. The Bhutto and Zia regimes abolished it before Zia allowed it to return as a social occasion and spectacle. There is no public mention of owners' prize money and officially no form of gambling, which is contrary to the Koran's teaching and the civil law.

Needless to say, however, betting is rife on and off the course. Gambling everywhere, in fact, appears to be the nearest thing to a national pastime. The professional classes indulge in it heavily during bridge and other games at the gymkhana clubs.

In the street bazaars, the traders bet on whether a rickshaw's number plates contain a particular digit. Outlawed events such as cockfighting, or contests which pit dogs and wild boar, together with camel racing, are all occasions for widespread wagers in the remoter regions of the Sind province.

Across the country, the sporting idols best remembered span the generations, ranging from Imran Khan in cricket to Hashim Khan, founder of the squash dynasty. Then there is Bholu, known as the Pakistan Hercules for his feats in bygone days in Punjabi wrestling, and Brojen Das, the first man more than 30 years ago to swim the English Channel both ways. There are virtually no swimming pools outside the main cities and Das remains Pakistan's most famous swimmer.

Das originated from East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, a reminder that political issues are seldom far away. Another example comes as Pakistan rejoices in its first Olympic boxing medal won in Seoul by a light-welterweight, Hussain Shah.

He has been awarded about £850 and promoted to chief security officer by his firm. Overall, though, it must still have been a mute homecoming for him in Karachi, which remains under martial law following shootings and other unrest as the November 16 election approaches.

An unexpected problem in sport stems from the Pakistan equivalent of class distinction. Polo is widely enjoyed in the elitist army circles, which, as in any military dictatorship, have a decisive say in sporting administration.

Hockey is considered acceptable but little is done to help football, which is therefore not played seriously outside parts of Baluchistan and the North West Frontier provinces. Badminton, lawn tennis and table tennis are virtually confined to the cities; athletics to the universities. Women's sport obviously has lost ground since the return to full Islamic covering was orderered.

Cricket surpasses both hockey and squash as a universal passion and is the only sport to have benefited regularly from a major sponsorship. The Pakistan Tobacco Company has served the game well for more than 10 years. The state-owned television and radio stations cover matches fully and are an influential factor in a country only one-fifth of whose population can read or write.

Like sports ministries everywhere, the Government's contribution to sport is widely criticized. The allegations invariably concern the use made of funds and the continued scarcity of facilities. Banks and other big businesses are starting to remedy the shortcomings.

The dull, factual sports pages in the Government-controlled Urdu and English language newspapers can also be expected to campaign for improvements now that — only last week — they have been freed from censorship. These newspapers gave a full Olympic Games service, with Pakistan's unhappy hockey experiences earning the heaviest coverage.

Even victory in the match for fifth place against their great rivals, India, did not entirely compensate and the inquests continue unabated.

Richard Streeton

No Grandstand finish for these stayers

By Albert Sewell

Grandstand, the flagship of BBC sport in pictures, today celebrates its 30th birthday. The programme was born on October 11, 1958 and, as it reaches edition No. 1777, stands second only to the *News* as the longest-running all-year programme on television.

Some of those involved on Day 1 are still very much part of the show. The Voice of Racing, for one. Peter O'Sullevan was in *Grandstand*'s starting stalls at Ascot this day 30 years ago and, immaculate as ever, he will be calling them from the same course this afternoon.

Len Martin is still reading the football results, as he did on the opening day. He is the Australian who brought his wife to England to see the Coronation in 1953 and never went back. And Harry Carpenter, who interviewed the boxer, Zora Folley, on the first programme, is with the BBC team covering golf at Wentworth today.

Peter Dimmock fronted the first *Grandstand*, with Bryan Cowgill producer-director. Soon came a man who would set new standards in sports broadcasting: David Coleman with the belief: "In sport, people never forget if you get your facts wrong."

Homework was, and is, his secret; that and a photographic memory that peaked every Saturday as the studio camera switched to the Vidiprinter at football results time.

As the teleprinter delivered "Liverpool 3, Tottenham 1", Coleman matched its chatter ... "and Spurs beaten at Anfield for the 10th year running". He had words waiting for every result down to the last match in the Scottish second division. What was not in his head was written minutely in the margin of his fixture list.

Ten years of David Coleman were followed by 14 with Frank Bough in the chair. He steered the programme through more than 800 Saturday and Sunday editions from 1968 to 1982. Bough trusted all information given to him to present. It was said by the sub-editors that if you slipped a laundry list among the latest football scores, he would give it.

They still smile over the "news flash" that was prepared for him during one of the five Olympic Games he presented. It read, and he read: "In today's canoeing, the Eskimos were so cold that they installed a heater in their kayak, but it caught fire and sank, and they had to swim for it."

Suddenly, Bough twigged. With a smile that told his audience "I think someone's having me on here," he carried on to the last sentence: "This proves you can't have your kayak and heat it."

Bough's successor, Desmond Lynam, is so relaxed, or so it seems: He looked a little less than debonair, though, when he arrived in Studio 5 at Television Centre one Saturday last winter.

Around 3am he had been awakened at his home by a woman screaming and hammering at the front door. It was a neighbour, explaining between the tears that she had been held at knifepoint by burglars. Lynam pulled on a dressing-gown and escorted the lady back to her home, stopping only to take a club from his golf bag, just in case he needed to be armed.

Later that morning, as he left home for *Grandstand*, another neighbour, who had seen it all, hailed him: "I know your golf is off, Des. But I didn't know it was so bad that you've taken to practising in the middle of the night."



Dimmock: the front man who introduced viewers to the very first *Grandstand* 30 years ago

Among the *Grandstand* memorabilia and, perhaps, still among the studio props, is the wooden block specially made for Harry Carpenter to stand on when he interviewed Cassius Clay. It solved a camera-level problem created by the difference of about a foot in their heights.

Also remembered is the day Bing Crosby was halted, in mid-interview, while *Grandstand* went racing. Among the runners was a horse called Uncle Byng. "Gee, I'd better have a little folding money on this one," said the singer. And, taking a fiver from his wallet, he led the studio cheers as his namesake trotted up.

Grandstand has known tragedy, too. Twenty-three years ago this month, race-results reader John Langham threw himself from a fourth floor window at Lime Grove, after a large bet on a horse had gone wrong. He died that evening.

Every Saturday, the programme's viewing figures soar for the classified football results. For someone out there, it could be jackpot time. Len Martin knows the feeling.

One week, as the show went off the air, he checked his own coupon and found eight score draws together in one line. Drinks were on Len that evening in the BBC Club. His prize: £500. By the same post he received a tax demand ... for £500.

Martin belongs among the exclusive band who have played for *Grandstand* all through. In a different way, Paul Fox has gone full circle, too. *Grandstand* was his invention, he was its first editor. Now he is managing director of BBC Television.

Albert Sewell, sports journalist and football statistician, has been with the Grandstand *team for the last 15 of its 30 years.*

BASEBALL

Oakland stretch lead

Boston — Walt Weiss, the Oakland A's short stop, completed a single to allow the winning run in the ninth inning giving his side a 4-3 victory and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven championship series of the American League.

With runners on first and third, and a 0-2 count against him, Weiss stroked the ball to centre field to break a 3-3 tie. Gene Nelson picked up the win for Oakland after working just one and a third innings. Storm Davis walked two batters with two out and none on base and the centre fielder. By dropping a fly ball, Dave Henderson gave the Red Sox a 1-0 lead in the sixth inning. Ellis Burks hit a single to right to make it 2-0.

In the next inning, Henderson made amends with a single to centre to start a three-run Oakland rally. Jose Canseco notched his second home run in two play-off games to tie the score at 2-2 and Dave Parker followed with a single to left and was forced at second on Carney Lansford's grounder to short.

Lansford advanced two bases on a baulk and wild pitch. With two outs, he scored on Mark McGwire's single to left, putting the A's ahead 3-2.

Rich Gedman tied the game 3-3 with a home run to right field in the bottom of the seventh inning before Weiss ended Boston's comeback.

A GOLFER'S GUIDE FROM THE SPONSORS OF THE EQUITY & LAW CHALLENGE.

LESSON 3 "THE HAZARD"

FIG 1: Amsterdam 1490. The Dutch invent a winter sport called 'Colf' (*Cold Golf*). On the frozen waterways, courageous 'Colfers' risk hernias as they attempt to tee off with their skates on.

FIG 2: Only a few stalwart golfers braved the summer floods at St. Andrews in 1870. Their 'water mashies' in hand, the bathers achieved maximum fluency in square stroke-making.

FIG 3: In 1903, uncomfortable golfers turned to their Dunn's No. 2 to ease stiffness, sprains, aches and pains. A dubious liniment with a pungent aroma, Dunn's proved only to be good at one thing. Attracting flies.

FIG 4: There was a great depression in the 1930's. Indeed, there were several. Australian bunkers claimed many victims, as overweight golfers sank without trace in quicksand.

FIG 5: The 1971 World Cup, Palm Beach, Florida. A Spaniard, Angel Gallardo, led the field until his ball found a hazard on the 18th. After playing off a docile alligator his game, for some peculiar reason, went to pieces.

THE CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE

Players at the MacRuddle Golf course near Aberdeen were cursed with an aged professional. Too shaky to hold a club, and too short-sighted to teach, his last words were on the putting green, when he advised a hapless player to "take a four iron" Determined to avoid the same problems in the future, the club asked for Equity & Law's financial advice when a new professional was hired. The action they advised is in the anagram below. The first 10 people with the correct answer to be drawn out of a hat will get a bottle of champagne.

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Mick Cleary meets John Wilson, standard-bearer for the cause of fishing



John Wilson: "The angler is the greatest watchdog of the nation's waterways. If there are any illicit chemicals spewing out he will soon have a stop put to it" (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Fathoming the mystery of the deep

John Wilson is a strange man. At three o'clock in the morning, while the rest of the world slumbers, he will tip-toe out into the pouring rain, head for the nearest river bank, plonk himself down and luxuriate. Wind, rain, cold, mosquitoes. Bliss.

In mitigation, he has not even recourse to the chauvinistic Andy Capp excuse of "getting away from the wife", for he could not be more happily married. He is quite simply a fanatical angler, and anglers do it at all hours. "I suppose there's a certain thrill from being out there *on your own,*" he explains, "enjoying the excitement of the rain *hammering down on* your brolly, watching a grass snake slither silently by, and smelling the fresh water mint on an early June morning or marvelling at the kingfishers sitting at the end of your rod. Actually catching a fish is a bonus."

Sounds a rather restful, romantic way to pass the night. Perhaps he is not such a strange man after all. He is certainly an engaging and convincing one, which is probably why he was the ideal character to front Channel 4's mightily successful "Go Fishing" which has just finished its second series.

The viewing figures average almost 2.5 million, which compares favourably with that totem of successful minority sports, American football, which is not hindered by being broadcast at the distinctly minority time of 10.30 on a Monday *night.*

Fishing tackle manufacturers *attribute much of the boom in their* market – 70 per cent up on last year – to the widespread appeal of Wilson's half-hour programme which he puts together with its producer, Peter Akehurst. It is much more than just a story of a rod and a reel, of static, stony figures staring silently into the water waiting for the elusive one to chance by. Fishing, for Wilson, is part of a total experience.

"Where you fish is as important as how you fish," he said. "Some people may be happy to sit on a lump of concrete in Hackney Marshes with cars roaring by and watching the Durex float past. Not for me. The reeds, plants, trees and lilies are the ideal backdrop to a day's fishing. And that's the image we try to project in our programmes. Of the angler in harmony with nature."

Wilson, aged 45, *is no plummy,* precious elitist who has always fished in perfect arcadian pastures. He was born and bred in a high-rise flat in Enfield; no garden, no flowers and no rivers.

He moved to Norfolk, on his return from the West Indies 17 years ago to open a fishing tackle shop in Norwich. That business, *bolstered by the reams he writes on* angling for numerous publications, *gave him the capital* to finance a long-cherished project – the building of his own lake. He designed it and damn near dug it.

With its 300 willow trees, 200 conifers, shrubs, sedges and exotic wild flowers, not to mention a few hundred carp, it is John's vision of fishing in the future. "As pollution mounts up in the rivers, as the traffic of pleasure boats increases, the angler is losing his tranquillity, which is what the majority of them *are searching for.* If we can create more of these man-made retreats, so much the better."

Fishing represents different things to different people. For some it is a therapeutic escape; for others it is a competitive challenge to land "the big one". For a minority it is a cruel, barbaric activity. Wilson bristles at the suggestion. "I am not a fish, so I can't prove to you that they don't feel pain when they are caught. But I am sure, if you really *wanted to, that you could produce* some sort of evidence to show that a strawberry *is silently screaming blue* murder as you sink your teeth in.

"What I do know is that most anglers are fervent naturalists who want to protect and preserve the environment. The angler is the greatest watchdog of the country's waterways there is, because if there are any illicit chemicals spewing out somewhere he will soon have a stop *put to it.*

"As for gratuitously killing the fish, it's nonsense. Nearly all the freshwater fish caught are returned to the water immediately. In certain places it's true that you fish to catch a meal – a trout or a salmon, perhaps – but if you're a rabid vegetarian I can't really hope to convince you that fishing is a legitimate, acceptable thing."

There were a few witnesses lining up at Wilson's home to testify on his behalf: a 10-foot python, an African grey parrot, a pair of barn owls, three dogs, three cats, a dozen budgies, two lovebirds and sundry other wild life. Last in the queue are his two children, Lee, aged 18, and Lisa, 16.

His caring, chuckling character also pervades the programme as with a rumbling, raucous roar he yanks the fish from the water, gives it a quick triumphant tickle and drops it back in again. He is honest enough, however, to acknowledge that it is a rather primeval instinct.

"I do have that basic urge to hunt, which I think is present in most human beings. But there is an enormous difference between being aggressive and being cruel. Cruel people kick dogs, beat up old ladies or butcher animals for no reason. A lot of non-anglers cannot under*stand why, or even believe,* you let the fish go as soon as you have *caught it.*"

His kindred spirit even extended to his greatest coup, a 71lb mahseer, landed after a five-week search and a titanic struggle in the wilds of southern India. He was pulled through the rapids by it, exhausted by the battle and the searing heat, yet, in his moment of triumph, took the greatest pleasure in seeing it swim off. All that after Wilson had cradled it for 20 minutes so that it would not, in its weakened state, fall *prey to the champing crocodiles.*

For his all bubbly, cheery enthusiasm Wilson quite readily accepts that many people find fishing about as uplifting as a rise in the interest rate. But for him even the dreariest, most uninspiring stretch of water is full of fascination. "It's like a Christmas present," he says, "all done up with the ribbon on top. I want to know what's inside. You never quite know what might be there."

Cunning runners slipping quietly across the course

By Ivo Tennant

In the depths of Cumbria tomorrow, cunning runners, as *they are known,* will take to the hills and the woods. Around 1,500 men and women of every shape and size and clad in all manner of clothing will be doing battle with the elements.

It is the season for orienteering, the sport in which the tortoise often overcomes the hare.

Orienteering is effectively competitive navigation on foot. "A scaled down version of climbing the Himalayas," is how the secretary of the British Federation puts it. This treasure-hunt race with *map and compass starts when* you are ready, not when the race is ready.

There is no gauntlet of cheers or jeers at the finishing tape. It is no spectator sport: those who watch you come in are unaware of when you went out, and, besides, they are more intent on starting the picnic.

For orienteering is a family sport and in the last four years participation has increased fourfold. The whole family can *take part at no great expense* without needing to wear any uniform – outdoor clothes and training shoes as sufficient.

There is no dissension, foul language or third-rate facilities. You compete, but primarily with yourself.

Recommended by firms as training

You are the person cheated if you ask the way or follow other runners. Orienteering is also one of the most healthy of sports and one of the more fulfilling.

Chris Brasher, an Olympic gold medal winner, calls it "the best sport invented by man". It makes you think.

The sponsorship of TSB Trust Company has ensured it has become known to industry, *with the result that a number* of firms are sending their *executives orienteering as part* of their management courses. It serves as both an endurance and an initiative test.

In Britain, there are around 150 clubs staging events at weekends between September and May. Some are held at night but hold no trepidation. Ask an orienteer if he ever gets lost and this will be the reply: "I may be temporarily unsure of my location but lost, never."

In fact, the sport originated through skiing, as a method of relaying messages through uncharted areas. To this day, orienteers are never happier than when treading virginal territory.

At least 23 countries now participate in orienteering, and it is conceivable that it could become an Olympic sport.

Competitors possess two props: a map and a compass. The key to success is to master both on the run. John Disley, another Olympic medal winner and a leading orienteer, was once so emersed in his map-reading that he ran into a car.

Most of the obstacles, though, are in the form of brambles (hence little orienteering is done in the summer) and knolls and uncrossable fences. Orienteers like to see themselves as the landowners' friends.

Close affinity with countryside code

In 1975 the Earl of Moray was asked to stage the world championships on his estate in Scotland.

"Any fears I may have had were soon allayed," he said. "I was impressed from the outset by the organizers' understanding of the running of a private estate, including the requirements of the foresters and the farming department.

"I am often approached by other landowners to whom a similar request has been made and I am always able to give unequivocal recommendation."

To be set free on one's own with a map that one cannot fathom and a compass which has a needle that points everywhere but north is both exhilarating and daunting.

In their book Orienteering for Sport and Pleasure, Hans Bengtsson and George Atkinson define it at as "a necessary survival skill which any person going into the wood or wilds, should have."

For most, though, it remains merely a pastime. In Sweden, where it began about 100 years ago, orienteering is a mandatory part of the school curriculum.

Those students who go on to become outstanding orienteers are able to run continuously for one hour and cope with a training programme of long and slow distance running. They call it "LSD".

A decade ago, Brasher felt that orienteering was becoming too technical. "Now," he said, "simpler courses are being put on again and more people can experience the exhilaration of a correct compass bearing. It must have been like that for Francis Chichester when he sighted an island."

● *The national office is at the British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darleydale, Matlock, Derbyshire (0629-734042 – 24 hours).*

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

A Villa v Wimbledon
Charlton v Tottenham
Derby v Norwich
Everton v Southampton
Luton v Liverpool
Middlesbrough v West Ham
Newcastle v Coventry
QPR v Nottingham F

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Section A: Ballymena v Portadown. **Section B:** Ards v Glentoville; *Coleraine v Linfield;* Glenavon v Bangor; Newry v Carrick.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION (2.0): Reading v Chelsea; Tottenham v Swindon; West Ham v Oxford United.

***VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE:* Premier division:** Barking v Leytonstone/Ilford; Bromley v Windsor and Eton; Carshalton v Croydon; Dulwich v Wokingham; Hayes v Tooting and Mitcham; Hendon v Bognor; Kingstonian v Grays; Leyton-Wingate v Dagenham; Marlow v Bishop's Stortford; St Albans v Farnborough; Slough v Harrow. **First division: Basildon v Walton and Hersham; Basingstoke v Chalfont St Peter; Chesham v Metropolitan Police; Hitchin v Collier Row; Kingsbury v Wembley; Leatherhead v Bracknell; Lewes v Hampton; Southwick v Uxbridge; Staines v Worthing; Woking v Boreham Wood. Second division north: Haringey v Vauxhall Motors. Second division south: Dorking v Camberley; Hamsfield v Horsham; Yeading v Chertsey.**

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Penrith; Bishop Auckland v Leek; Colne Dynamoes v Winsford; Congleton v Whitley Bay; Radcliffe v Altreton; Workington v Farsley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch v Corby; Bath v Moor Green; Bedworth v Dorchester; *Cambridge City v Watertooville;* Crawley v Bromsgrove; Dartford v Burton; Gosport v Redditch; VS Rugby v Fareham; Weststone v Leicester United. **Midland division:** Atherston v Wellingborough; Banbury v Tamworth; Bridgnorth v Sutton Coldfield; Coventry Sporting v Gloucester; Dudley v King's Lynn; Grantham v Nuneaton; Hednesford v Halesowen; Willenhall v Forest Green. **Southern division:** Buckingham v Folkestone; *Burnham v Sheppey; Corinthian v Trowbridge;* Gravesend and Northfleet v Poole; Hounslow v Erith and Belvedere; Salisbury v Chelmsford; Thanet v Dunstable; Tonbridge v Bury; Witney v Andover.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Briton Ferry v Caerleon; Cwmbran v Milford; Pontllanfraith v Port Talbot.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dawlish v Weston-super-Mare; *Exmouth* v Clevedon; *Mangotsfield* v Bideford; Saltash v Taunton; Torrington v Liskeard.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street v Billingham *Synthonia; Ferryhill v Blyth;* Gateshead v North Shields; Seaham Red Star v Gretna; Shildon v Newcastle Blue Star; Spennymoor v South Bank (3.15); Stockton v Crook; Tow Law v Easington; Whitby v Brandon.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Rixton v Rossendale; Knowsley v *Ellesmere Port* and Neston; Warrington v St Helens.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Gusseley; North Ferriby v Hatfield Main; Thackley v Pontefract *Collieries.*

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: *Arsenal* v Norwich; Cambridge v Tottenham; Fulham v West Ham; Gillingham v Southend; Leyton Orient v Chelsea; *Millwall* v Watford; Portsmouth v Ipswich; Queen's Park Rangers v Charlton. **Second division:** Bournemouth v Reading; Brentford v Oxford; Luton v Bristol City; Northampton v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Wimbledon; Swindon v Brighton; Tottenham v Bristol Rovers.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First qualifying round: Walthamstow Pennant v Eton Manor; West Wickham v Mersham.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Eastwood Town v Greenwood Meadows.

Second division

Barnsley v WBA
Blackburn v C Palace
Bournemouth v Birmingham
Ipswich v Manchester C
Leeds v Watford
Leicester v Brighton
Oldham v Stoke
Plymouth v Bradford
Portsmouth v Oxford
Shrewsbury v Hull
Walsall v Sunderland

FA VASE: Preliminary round: South *Shields v Eppleton CW; Esh Winning* v Rowntree Mackintosh; Peterlee Newton v Harrogate RA; Alnwick v Horden CW; *Darlington CB* v Northallerton; *Harrogate* v Durham; Dunston FB v Lancaster; Norton and Stockton Ancients v Seaton Delaval ST; Pontefract v Pickering; Clitheroe v Ashington; West Auckland v Annfield Plain; Leyland Motors v Willington; Bridlington Town v Wren; Darwen v Langley Park Welfare; Chester Moor v Shotton; Netherfield v Bedlington Terriers; Billingham Town v Bridlington Trinity; Consett v Boldon CA; Hebburn Reyrolle v Evenwood; Burscough v St Dominics; Poulton Victoria v Newton; Merseyside Police v Heswall; Droylsden v Prescot Cables; Bootle v Waterloo Dock; Daisy Hill v General Chemicals; Maine Road v Eastwood Hanley; Chadderton v *Maghull, Mer KA* v *Curzon Ashton;* Newcastle Town v Glossop; Atherton LR v Salford; Knypersley Victoria v Vauxhall GM *(Cheshire); Irlam* v Skelmersdale; Formby v Ashton; Armthorpe Welfare v Stapenhill; Kimberley v Belper; Staveley *Works* v *Long Eaton; Grimethorpe MW* v Melton; Louth v Sheffield; Yorkshire Amateur v Heanor; Oakham v Immingham; Ilkeston v Liversedge; Boston v Eccleshill; Wigston Fields v Ossett Albion; Brigg v Derby Prims; Maltby MW v Sutton Town; Rossington Main v Dronfield; Hallam v Ossett Town; Kinsley Park v Arnold; Harworth Cl v Collingham; Baker Perkins v Northfield; Racing Club Warwick v Oldbury; Tividale v Harrisons; Wednesfield Social v Walsall Wood; Paget v Mile Oak; Hinckley v Rushall Olympic; Spalding v Solihull Borough; Bilston v Anstey *Nomads;* Hinckley v Chasetown; Desborough v Ashtree Highfield; West Midlands Police v Highgate; Lye v Evesham; *Long Buckby v Kings Heath; Malvern* v Halesowen; Brackley v Rushden; Boldmere St Michael v Rothwell; Bourne v Eynesbury; Stewartsgreenwith v Chatteris; Norwich United v Harlow; Stansted v Downham; LSC Orionians v Saffron Walden; Histon v Wroxon; Newmarket v Gorleston; Holbeach v Halstead; Great Yarmouth v Stowmarket; Clacton v Tiptree; Thetford v Lowestoft; Burnham v Brightlingsea; St Ives v March; Brantham v Ely; Diss v Soham; Wroxham v Canvey Island; Felixstowe v Bowers; Hamel Hempstead v Flackwell Heath; Maidenhead United v Wingate; Feltham v Wolverton; London Colney v Baldock; *Shillington v Ford (London); Wootton* Blue Cross v Cheshunt; Berkhamsted v Edgware; Hornchurch v 61 FC (Luton); Ruislip v Leighton; Aveley v Ruislip Manor Hertford v Hanwell; Tottenhoe v Kempston; Milton Keynes v Clapton; Welwyn GC v Beckton; Northwood v Letchworth GC; Barkingside v Finchley; Purfleet v Thing; Hoddesdon v Penton; Selby v Langford; Amersham v Rainham; Arlesey v East Thurrock; Stotfold v *Potton; Tilbury v Stevenage; Royston* v Rayners Lane; Sourgate v Ware (2.30); Three Bridges v Deal; Bedfont v Faversham; Hythe v Sittingbourne; Eastbourne Town v Egham; Corinthian Casuals v Horsham YMCA; Redhill v Deramh Heathside, Peacehaven and Telscombe v Ringmer; Molesey v Hastings; Southwick Borough v *Langney Sports (at Langney);* Crockenhill v Banstead; Lancing v Whitehawk; Old Salesians v Wandsworth and Northwood; Cray v Farnham; Chipstead v Whitstable; Chobham v Malden Vale; Chetham v Epsom and Ewell; Oakwood v Haywards Heath; Burgess Hill v Canterbury; Pagham v *Slade Green; Beckenham v Littlehampton;* Herne Bay v Eastbourne United; Shoreham v Hailsham; Ramsgate v Tunbridge Wells; West Wickham v Mersham; Clanfield v Vale Recreation (2.30); Horndean v Portfield; Bournemouth v Portsmouth RN; Eastleigh v Bosham; Thame v Wick; Chichester v Tooting; East Cowes Victoria v Petersfield; Didcot v Arundel; Newbury v Romsey; Brockenhurst v Abingdon United; Bicester v Hartley Wintney; Barnstaple v Odd Down; *DRG (FP)* v Calne; Sherborne v Paulton; Moreton v Fairford; Chard v Westbury; Radstock v Pennhill; Wellton v Glastonbury; St Blazey v Minehead; Melksham v Wellington; Chippenham v Pegasus Junior; Lawrence Weston Hallen v Swanage and Herston; Yate v Almondsbury Picksons; Larkhall v Tiverton; Harrow Hill v Clandown; Truro v Wimborne; Bishops Cleeve v Bristol Manor Farm; Devizes v Brislington.

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BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: First round (men) (8.0): Bracknell v Solent Stars; Cheshire Jets v *Kirkless (7.30); Corby Flyers* v Oldham Celtics; Derby Rams v Teesside; Hemel Hempstead v Tower Hamlets; Leicester *Riders* v Gateshead Vikings; Manchester *Manor* Hereford v Hanwell; Tottenhoe v Kempston; Milton Keynes v Clapton; Welwyn GC v Beckton; Northwood v Letchworth GC; Barkingside v Finchley; Purfleet v Thing; Hoddesdon v Penton; Selby v Langford; Amersham v Rainham; Arlesey v East Thurrock; Stotfold v *Potton; Tilbury v Stevenage; Royston* v Rayners Lane; Sourgate v Ware (2.30); Three Bridges v Deal; Bedfont v Faversham; Hythe v Sittingbourne; Eastbourne Town v Egham; Corinthian Casuals v Horsham YMCA; Redhill v Deramh Heathside, Peacehaven and Telscombe v Ringmer; Molesey v Hastings; Southwick Borough v *Langney Sports (at Langney);* Crockenhill v Banstead; Lancing v Whitehawk; Old Salesians v Wandsworth and Northwood; Cray v Farnham; Chipstead v Whitstable; Chobham v Malden Vale; Chetham v Epsom and Ewell; Oakwood v Haywards Heath; Burgess Hill v Canterbury; Pagham v *Slade Green; Beckenham v Littlehampton;* Herne Bay v Eastbourne United; Shoreham v Hailsham; Ramsgate v Tunbridge Wells; West Wickham v Mersham; Clanfield v Vale Recreation (2.30); Horndean v Portfield; Bournemouth v Portsmouth RN; Eastleigh v Bosham; Thame v Wick; Chichester v Tooting; East Cowes Victoria v Petersfield; Didcot v Arundel; Newbury v Romsey; Brockenhurst v Abingdon United; Bicester v Hartley Wintney; Barnstaple v Odd Down; *DRG (FP)* v Calne; Sherborne v Paulton; Moreton v Fairford; Chard v Westbury; Radstock v Pennhill; Wellton v Glastonbury; St Blazey v Minehead; Melksham v Wellington; Chippenham v Pegasus Junior; Lawrence Weston Hallen v Swanage and Herston; Yate v Almondsbury Picksons; Larkhall v Tiverton; Harrow Hill v Clandown; Truro v Wimborne; Bishops Cleeve v Bristol Manor Farm; Devizes v Brislington.

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Third division

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Bristol C v Fulham
Cardiff v Reading
Gillingham v Chesterfield
Mansfield v Bristol R
Northampton v Huddersfield
Preston v Bury
Sheffield Utd v Wolverhampton
Wigan v P Vale

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Runcorn
Cheltenham v Telford
Fisher v Chorley
Kettering v Aylesbury
Macclesfield v Yeovil
Newport v Boston
Northwich v Maidstone
Stafford v Enfield
Sutton Utd v Altrincham
Weymouth v *Kidderminster*
Wycombe v Welling

Northern Premier League
Premier division

Barrow v Caernarfon
Buxton v Southport
Fleetwood v Worksop
Gainsborough v Marine
Gateshead v Hyde
Horwich v Frickley
Matlock v Stalybridge
Mossley v South Liverpool
Shepshed v Morecambe
Witton v Goole

Fourth division

Burnley v Exeter
Cambridge v Halifax
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Rotherham
Doncaster v Hartlepool
Grimsby v Peterborough
Hereford v Carlisle
Rochdale v Stockport
Scarborough v Leyton Orient
Torquay v Lincoln
Wrexham v Crewe

BOWLS

ANGLIA SECURE HOMES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Bedford v City of Ely; Brownston Hall v Hunstanton; Diss v Great Yarmouth; Gallow v Sole Bay; Haverhill v Wisbech; Huntingdon v West Row; ICI Stowmarket v St Neots; Mid-Suffolk v March; Norwich v King's Lynn; North Walsham v Beccles; Old Hall v Kirkley Park; Peterborough v Cambridge Chesterton; Pinewood Park v Shotford; Risbygate v Lakenheath; Sudbury v *Cambridgeshire and County;* Wymondham Dell v County Arts. London: Bounds Green v Elmbridge; Century v Pickets Lock; *Cyphers v Dartford;* Egham v Wey Valley; King George v Hounslow; Mansfield v Alexandra Palace; Medway v Lewisham; Mole Valley v Hargs; Richmond v Paddington; Rushmoor v Cambridge Park; Sutton v Old Coulsdon; Tilbury v Greenwich. **Midlands:** Ashfield v Nottingham; Barwell v Kettering; Bassetlaw v Alfreton; Birmingham v Avon Valley; Carson v City of Coventry; Dunlocma v Grantham; Erewash v Spalding; Gading v Addlethorpe; Hucknall v East Lindsey; Leicester v Vines Park; Lincoln v Melton Mowbray; Newark v Boston; Northampton v Grey Friars; Rugby v Erdington Court; Wellingborough v Rushden. North: Blackburn v Bowlers; Blackpool Borough v Richardsons; Blackpool Fylde v Huddersfield; Central and South West Borough v Boldon Common; Concordia v Newcastle; Consett v Hartlepool; Cumbria v Ashington; Elton v Saltburn; Gateshead v Stanley; Great Aycliffe v Park View; Hebburn v Tynedale; Hull and District v York; Oldham v Harrogate. South: Arun v East Dorset; Athenley v Worthing Pavilion; Banister v Worthing; Egerton Park v King Alfred; Felpse v Angel (Tonbridge); Five Rivers v Dolphin; Gullivers v The Downs; Isle of Purbeck v Warriors; Longmeadow v Isle of Wight; Margate v Eastbourne; Mote Park v Weallon; Oyster v Granfome; Preston v *Royal Tunbridge Wells;* Stour v Folkestone; Victory v New Milton. South west: Brackley v South Bedfordshire; Clacton v West Mersea; Colchester v Havering; Desborough v Stevenage; Falcon v Essex County; Handy Cross v Bletchley; Harpenden v SMCS Luton; Ilford v Felixstowe; Isis v West Berkshire; Stoke Mandeville v Rwerain; Towerlands v Southend; Tye Green v Chesham; Wheatknights v Hatfield. South west: British Celophane v Minehead; Ilminster v Bridgwater; Moonfleet v Taunton Deane; Victoria (WsM) v Wellworthy; Watchet v Bridport; Wellington v Taunton; Wyrral Park v Victoria Street; Yeovil v Donyatt. West: *Christie Miller* v Bristol; Clevedon v Clonte Dunbar; Dawish v West Cornwall; Exmouth v Torbay; Frome v Westlecot; Nonsewon v Maiden Hills; North Devon v Exonia; Plymouth v Newquay; Slimpuch v Plymouth; Woodspring v Cotswold; Yate v Gloucester.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Cheam v Blackheath; Maidenhead v Dulwich; Old Kingstonians v Beckenham; Oxford University v St Albans; Purley v Hampstead; Spencer v Wimbledon; Surbiton v Mid-Surrey.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: St Edmunds v *Bluehorse; Cambridgeshire Nomads* v Chelmsford; Colchester v Norfolk Wanderers; Crostyx v Bishop's Stortford; Harleston Magpies v Ipswich; Norwich Grasshoppers v West Herts; Welwyn Garden City v Ford; Wisbech v Bedford.

ARTHUR YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v Pickwick; Derby v South Nottingham; Leicester Westleigh v Kidderminster; Otton and West Warwickshire v Wombourne.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: *Fife Flyers* v *Solihull Barons* (7.15); *Nottingham Panthers* v Whitley Warriors (6.30).

NORWICH UNION CUP: Cleveland Bombers v Trafford Metros (6.30); Slough Jets v Telford Tigers (5.45).

AUTUMN TROPHY: Sunderland Chiefs v Deeside Dragons (5.30).

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE (men): Ashford Tanners v Leicester '73 (2.0); Birkenhead v Manchester United SSS (5.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

RODSTOCK NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE: Egremont v West Hull; Heworth v Lagh Miners; Milford v Wallsend; Milom v Wigan St Patricks; Pilkington v *Dudley Hill.*

OTHER SPORT

ANGLING: Calor National championships: *First division (River Thames,* Pressed Steel Fisher Club, Cowley, Oxford).

ATHLETICS: Southern women's road relay championships (Aldershot).

EQUESTRIANISM: Audi Chatsworth *three-day event.*

GOLF: Suntory World Match Play Championship (Wentworth); WPGA Classic (Sophia Popes); Central England open mixed foursomes (Woodhall Spa).

LACROSSE: Women's third Test: England v Australia (Mosspur Park, 2.0).

MOTORCYCLING: BMCRC championship races (Shenington); Scooter races (Cadwell Park).

MOTOR SPORT: Calinet supersonic Qualifying (Brance Hatch); BARC championship races (Oulton Park).

SHOOTING: British air gun championships (Cardiff).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Arena Essex v Milton Keynes (7.0); Stoke v Peterborough.

SQUASH RACKETS: British under 21/23 closed championship (Lambe Club, London).

SWIMMING: Shering/Warrender fast swim centenary gala (Carnegie Centre, Dunfermline).

TENNIS: LTA tournament (Eastbourne).

RUGBY UNION
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division

Bristol v Moseley
Gloucester v Wasps
Harlequins v Lpool St Helens (2.45)
Leicester v Orrell
Rosslyn Park v Bath
Waterloo v Nottingham

Second division

Gosforth v Richmond
Headingley v Bedford
London Irish v Northampton
London Scottish v Blackheath
London Welsh v Coventry
Sale v Saracens

Third division

Exeter v Nuneaton
Fylde v W Hartlepool
Maidstone v Wakefield
Met Police v Vale of Lune
Plymouth v Sheffield
Rugby v Askeans

North area

Durham v Birmingham
Lichfield v Stourbridge
Morley v Broughton Park
Northern v Winnington Park
Preston Grnpra v Stoke

South area

Cheltanham v Camborne
Havant v Esling
Lydney v Sudbury
Salisbury v Stroud
Sidcup v Redruth

IRELAND: Ulster Senior League: Section one: Ards v CIYMS; Ballymena v NIFC; Malone v Bangor. **Section two:** City of Derry v Portadown; Dungannon v Armagh; Queen's University v Academy. **Senior clubs:** Carrick v Instonians. **Leinster Senior League: Section A:** Greystones v Wanderers; Old Wesley v Terenure College. **Section B:** Clontarf v Monkstown; DLSP v Shannon. **Junior clubs:** Blackrock College v Dublin University Old Belvedere v Collegians; University College Dublin v St Mary's College.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First division: Dartfordians v Basingstoke; Guildford and Godalming v Streatham/Croydon; Ipswich v Old Gaytonians; Lewes v Sutton and Epsom; US Portsmouth v *Ruislip. Second division north:* Barking v Cheshunt; Bishop's Stortford v Woodford; Grasshoppers v Hertford; Old Merchant Taylors v Old Alleynians; Upper Clapton v Thurrock. **Second division south:** Camberley v Old Mid-Whitgiftians; Esher v Old Reigatian; Gravesend v Old Brodeians; KGS Old Boys v Worthing; Purley v Old Alleynian. **Third division north:** Cambridge v Saffron Walden; Ipswich YMCA v Brentwood; Metropolitan Police (Chigwell) v Old Westcliffians; Old Canabrigian v Colchester; West Norfolk v Grimsford. **Third division north west:** Finchley v Tabard; Hemel Hempstead v Rutlerian; Hendon v Mill Hill; Kingsburians v Harrow; Letchworth v St Mary's Hospital.

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CLUB MATCHES

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Cardiff v Pontypool
Cross Keys v Abertillery
Llanelli v Swansea
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Penarth v S Wales Police
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McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

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Glasgow High v Selkirk
Heriot's FP v Stewart's-Mel FP
Jed-Forest v Boroughmuir
Kelso v Glasgow Acads
Watsonians v Ayr
W of Scotland v Melrose

SOUTH WEST: First division: Clifton v Bridgwater and Albion; *High Wycombe* v Berry Hill; Maidenhead v Weston-super-Mare; Oxford v Torquay Athletic; Reading v *Taunton. Second division:* Bournemouth v Barnstaple; Brixham v Abbey; Cinderford v Redingensians; Devon and Cornwall Police v Newbury; Matson v Launceston. **Southern Counties:** Blackheley v Banbury; Marlow v Windsor; Oxford Marathon v Wimborne; Oxford Old Boys v Swindon; Slough v Aylesbury. **Western Counties:** Clevedon v Cirencester; Crediton v Truro; Gordon League Avonmouth Old Boys; Newquay Hornets v Thornton; Okehampton v Devonport Services. **Cornwall/Devon:** Exmouth v Exeter Saracens; Falmouth v Bideford; Hayle v *Teignmouth; Illogan Park* v *Sidmouth;* Paignton v Penzance-Newlyn. **Gloucestershire/Somerset:** Combe Down v Cleve; *Coney Hill* v Avon and Somerset Police; Gordano v Whitehall; Keynsham v Old Culverhayslans; Midsomer Norton v Spartans. **Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division:** Bracknell v Aldermaston; Dorchester v Devizes; Chipp

SPORTS BOOK OF THE WEEK

Laughter's global echo

For the Olympic fortnight, we have had sport as villain, sport as theatre, occasionally sport as fun, generally sport as business, almost never sport as humour. But a book of international cartoons, based on the Olympics and published earlier this week by the charity Cartoon Aid, has filled that gap.

The book was the idea of graphics designer Graham Cooke and Les Lilley, the president of the Federation of European Cartoonists. Together they persuaded cartoonists in 91 countries to contribute a captionless cartoon on an Olympic theme. The result is a 500-page volume of cartoons penned by cartoonists as far afield as Mongolia and Costa Rica, China and Iran. Some are cynical, some political, some simple, some totally incomprehensible, but all have been contributed for free to raise money for the Band Aid Trust.

"The main problem initially was trying to contact the cartoonists," Cooke says. "We sent letters to 110 countries either direct or through national newspapers. We started off with all the countries which had won gold medals in the history of the Olympics and developed it from there. When we did get hold of the cartoonists, the response was fantastic."

Characteristically, having managed to establish communications with Outer Mongolia, the biggest headache to the organizers was provided by the British postal strike. In the end, just over 750 cartoons were received – of varying quality – and the best 512 were used in the book.

"On one day, I received two almost identical cartoons from China and from Peru," Cooke says. "Both were pictures of a man with a boxing glove as a head. It's extraordinary that two people should have had the same idea at almost the same time in two different languages and translated it into cartoon form. In a way, that has been the most satisfying thing about the whole book. Humour is something that crosses international boundaries and this book is proof of it."

Though the drawings were commissioned six weeks before the Games began, the themes of Seoul have been anticipated with remarkable accuracy. The syringe standing on the top of the medal podium, the television crew balanced on the pole vault bar, the track paved with dollars, and a riot in the boxing arena. Totally fictitious, of course.

The only problem for potential purchasers might be one of recognition, of the nationalities of the cartoons and of the book itself.

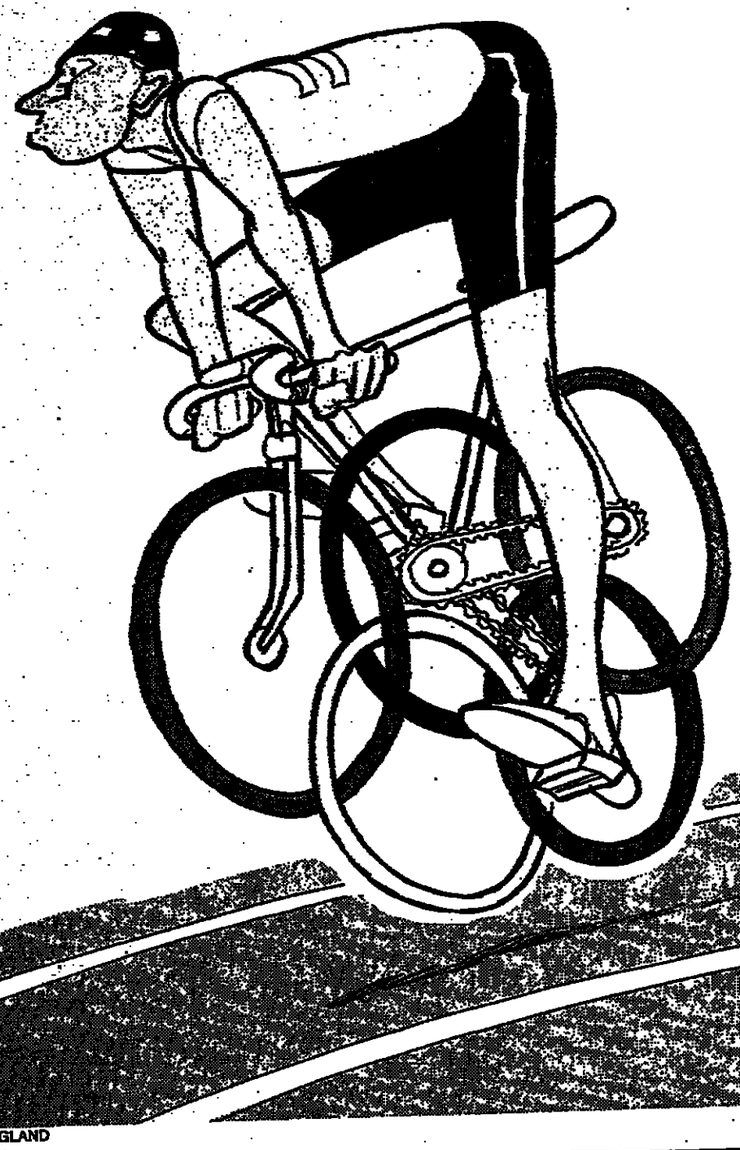
True to the captionless theme, the book has no name, just a green cover with five smiling Olympic rings and though all the cartoons are signed, the country of origin is identified only by the national flag.

Fittingly, the book was launched on the final day of the Games and, through the distribution network of TNT, 30,000 copies have been made available simultaneously in all the 161 countries which participated in the Games at the UK price of £9.95. Cooke, who combines his work as a graphic designer with his part-time role as director of Cartoon Aid, formed almost a year ago, hopes that the book will raise £70,000 for the Band Aid Trust for famine in Ethiopia. He also hopes that the cartoons will put the Games into perspective. After all, he says, it is just sport.

Andrew Longmore

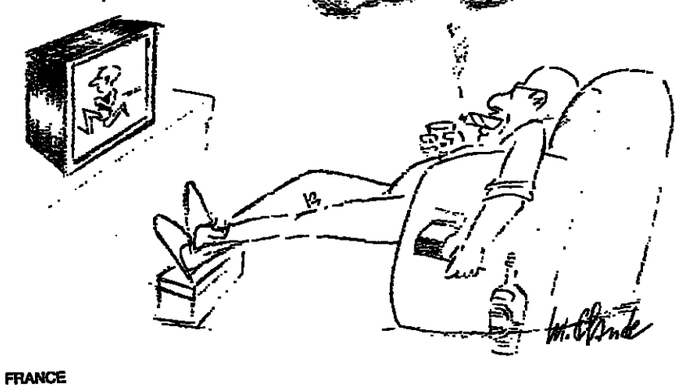


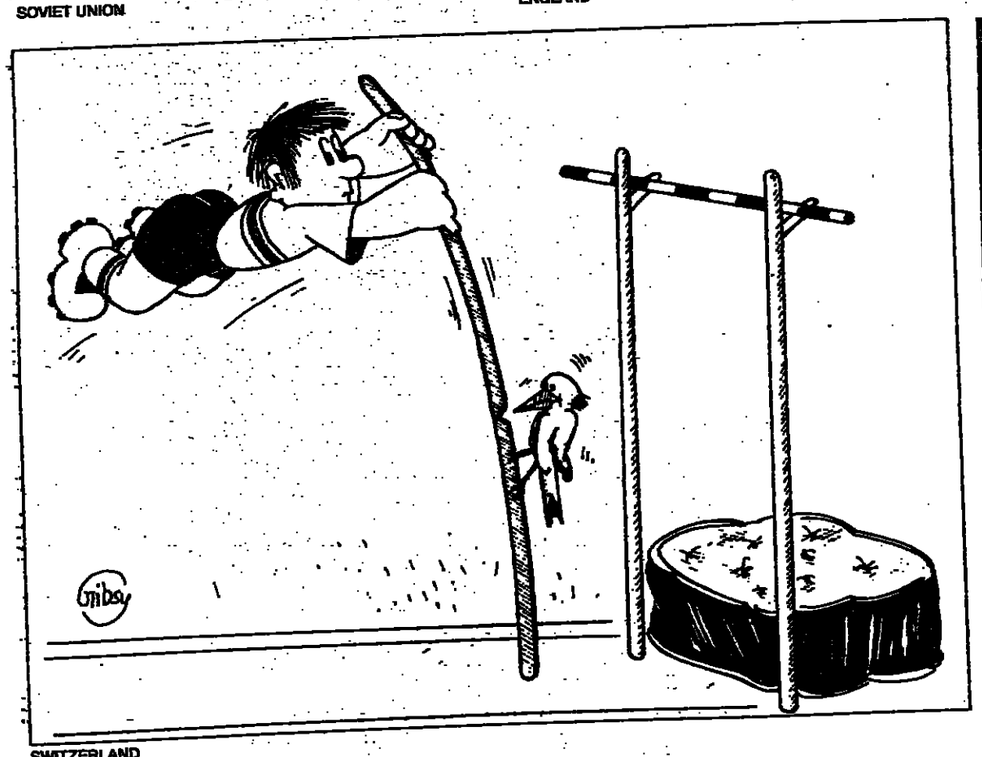
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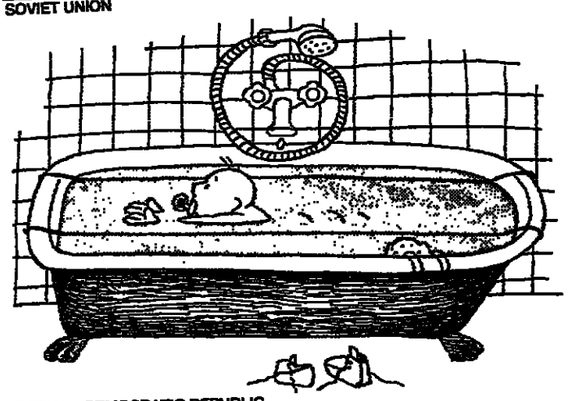

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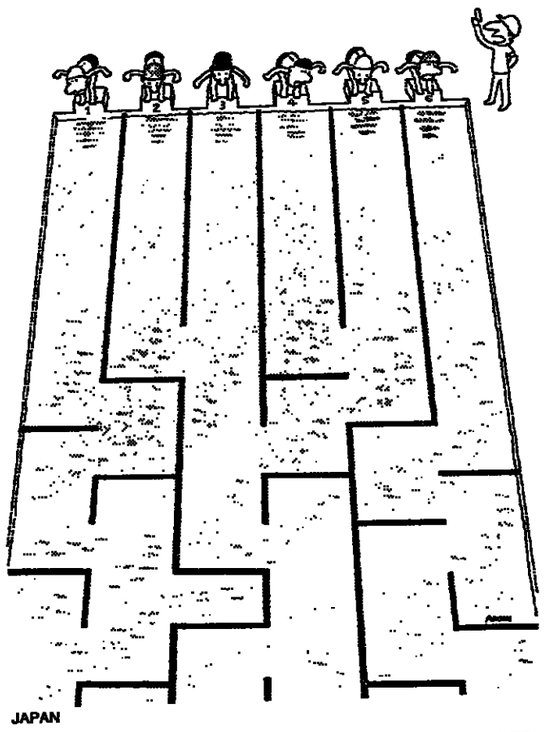

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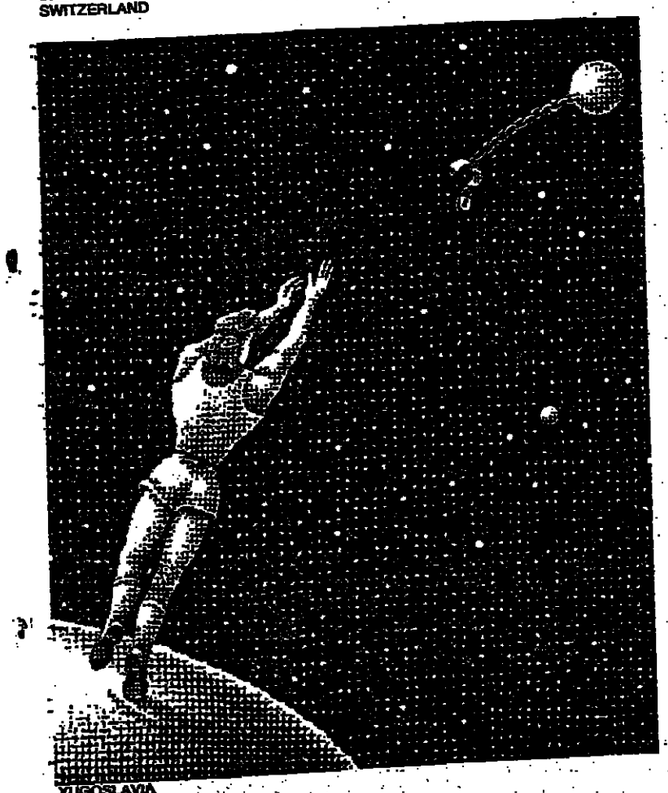

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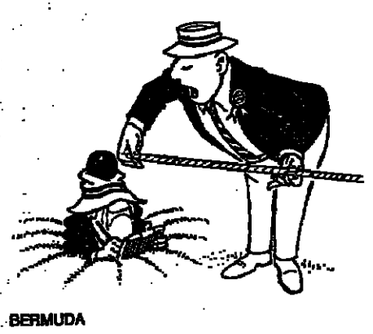

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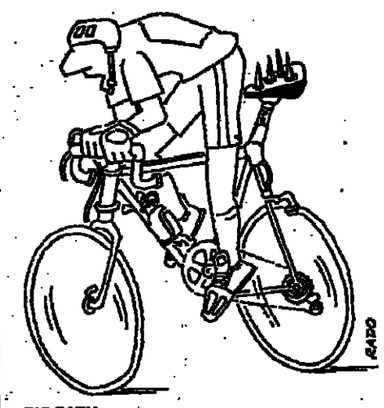

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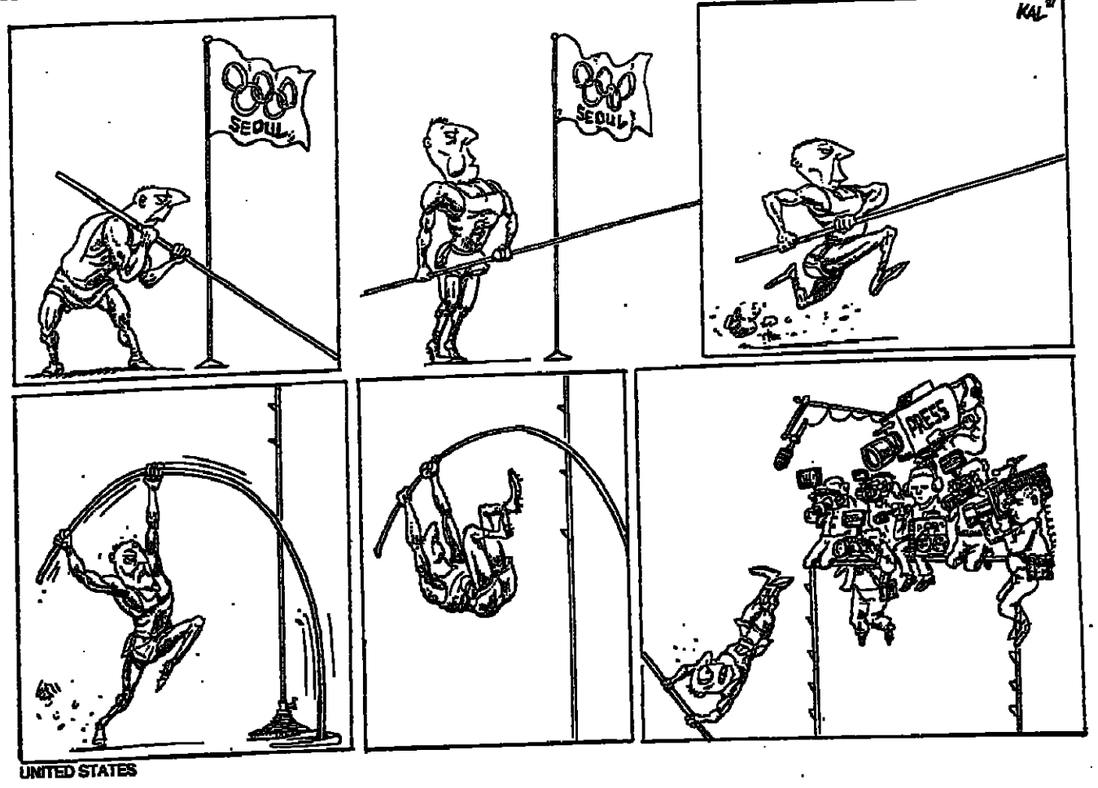

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Michael Seely meets Jonathan Irwin, the inspiration behind the richly endowed but much criticized Cartier Million

The controversial visionary

When the Cartier Million Sale at Goffs closed on Thursday evening, Jonathan Irwin was a contented man. The one per cent increase on last year's average is an infinitesimal amount, but vitally it represents a significant reversal of the marked downward trend at all other major yearling sales in the northern hemisphere in 1988.

Reflecting on the result, John Warren, the bloodstock agent who bought the second and third in this year's Cartier Million and was again a major player at the Sale said: "The lure of buying a possible winner of next year's Million has certainly influenced buyers. There was a strong demand for potential athletes with perhaps not quite so much emphasis on pedigree as usual.

"It would not have influenced the price of the Northern Dancer colt [which fetched Ir1.3 million guineas], he would have brought that money at a top sale anywhere."

The Sale reinforced Irwin's reputation as an astute businessman and innovator, as befits the son of the creator of the televison quiz show *The 64,000 Dollar Question*. He saw a commercial opportunity and developed it adroitly, in the process doing much to revive the flagging fortunes of Goffs, the premier bloodstock sales company in Ireland, of which he is managing director.

Irwin, aged 47, is also the chief executive of Phoenix Park, the Dublin racecourse, where last Saturday the owners of Corwyn Bay collected Ir£500,000 when their horse won the inaugural running of the Cartier Million, the richest two-year-old event ever to be run in Europe. The race was confined to the 250 horses sold at the Select Sale in Kill last October.

At a dinner in Paris on the night of the Million, Lord Fairhaven, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, expressed vigorous disapproval of the general concept that so much money should be given to the winner of a restricted race. The thought found angry voice at Goffs on Tuesday evening when a small Irish breeder with no yearling entered in the Million Sale said: "The idea that the winner of a confined race should win more money than the owner of Tony Bin in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe is utterly obscene."

However, as in most fields of human endeavour, business is about confidence. The impetus created by the Million acted like a shot in the arm to a yearling market suffering a downturn after a period of sustained inflation, and from the consequent over-production of stock.

The peak of a generally strong market was reached when Robert Sangster bought the top-priced Northern Dancer colt, the first seven figure transaction in Ireland for four years.

The new mood of confidence spread from syndicates attempting to purchase the winner of the 1989 Cartier Million to the high flyers acting on behalf of mega-rich owners like the Maktoums of Dubai. Henry Cecil, the flamboyant champion trainer, summed up the euphoria. "Things have really taken off. I haven't had such a long list of horses to buy for years."

The bitter conflict between Irwin and his critics conceals a genuine concern on both sides about the shaky financial structure of racing in Britain and Ireland. The sport in Britain receives under one per cent of the annual turnover in betting and Ireland gets virtually no direct help at all, compared with much more solid finacial bases in Australia and the United States.

The imaginative and energetic Irwin sees schemes like the Million creating a fresh source of funds. The Irish Turf Club gave Irwin's venture its required blessing, but the Jockey Club gave a thumbs down to Tattersalls, Britain's top sales company, which wanted to promote a similar scheme. It claimed it would distort the entire structure of pattern races, in which the best horses are encouraged to race against each other in a graded series of events.

They are internationally agreed, the classics and such races as the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe forming the group one or championship events.

Irwin vigorously rebuts this charge. "I have to wonder whether Lord Fairhaven and I are in the same business. He must realize that the industry is represented by the 250 owners of the Cartier Million horses. They voted and said that this is for them and they are the backbone of the industry."

He then said that this new money permeates through the entire industry to breeders, trainers, jockeys and poorly paid stable staff. He claims that it is the middle tier of racing that needs support, not the top.

"No one can knock the group one races," he says, "they are the races of excellence. They are the finest and transcend everything, but the owners of such horses are the big owner breeders and buyers. They don't need support.

"But some of the group two and three races have small fields and generate little betting interest," he continued. "Don't get me wrong. The pattern is secure, fine and good but I feel that the black type in sale catalogues is starting to dictate to racing how things should be, instead of the catalogue reflecting how things are."

Last Saturday less than five lengths separated the first 10 horses past the post, with the betting being as competitive as the race itself. "They were falling over themselves to run, with 13 reserves waiting on the sideline. Something as exciting as this creates a platform for hustlers, for agents and trainers. It gives them a real chance to go out and tell a story, to get new people into the sport, to get the businessmen back."

He was referring to syndicates epitomized by Kennett Valley Thoroughbreds, the owners of the second and third, Miss Demure and French Pretender, whose members come from every walk of life. "They're people who've been priced out of Flat racing, where horses cost so much. It's not like jumping, where £30,000 is still king."

Irwin feels that the providing of public entertainment should be done by those professionally involved and not by the administrators of the sport. "The Jockey Club and the Turf Club do a marvellous job of maintaining the integrity of racing, but they are totally at a loss when it comes to promotion."

He then made a direct attack on his harshest critic. "It's all very well for Lord Fairhaven to be pontificating at a dinner in Paris. He should have sent someone over to Dublin to see what was going on."

The charge of over-commercialism is often levelled against Irwin. "All life is commercial, including the pattern race system, which is protecting the interests of the rich. Of course I have a duty to my shareholders, both at Goffs and Phoenix Park. Don't forget that my board of directors had to go into a hole for the Million. We had to guarantee the money upfront last Saturday, whatever had happened."

The Eton and Trinity College Dublin-educated Irwin started life as a bloodstock agent and publisher before joining Goffs and Phoenix Park. "Not many people in racing have had such a wide experience. I've been lucky enough to cover the whole spectrum. I love being involved with people who are going to make the game better for everyone."

Of course, a Ir£1 million race confined to 250 horses cannot provide an answer to all of racing's severe financial problems. But last week in Ireland everyone involved saluted a man of vision and enterprise.

Irwin is a dreamer who gets things done, and in the long run such controversial innovators often prove to be the catalyst for positive change. British racing could do with such a man.



On reflection: Jonathan Irwin considers the implications of this week's Cartier Million Sale

Russian Affair in fine fettle for Newmarket

Russian Affair signalled that he is in peak condition for next week's stamina test at Newmarket, the Tote Cesarewitch, with a victory in the Wyndham Handicap at Ascot yesterday.

Reg Akehurst's gelding picks up a 4lb penalty for this win, taking his weight at Newmarket to 8st 4lb. He is 10-1 with Ladbrokes, 12-1 with Mecca, 14-1 with Hills and a top-priced 16-1 with Corals.

"He'll run at Newmarket and I've already booked Michael Roberts to ride again," said the in-form Epsom trainer, who pulled off a double at Lingfield on Thursday.

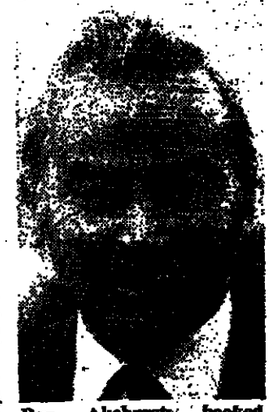
Russian Affair gradually wore down Blind Faith and Lafitpour inside the final furlong to win by threequarters of a length.

Michael Stoute ran two newcomers in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes and, not for the first time, stable jockey Walter Swinburn picked the wrong one.

Swinburn plumped for 11-8 favourite Storm Free but, after a prolonged duel in the final half furlong, the colt was short-headed by Charming Molly, the mount of Pat Eddery.

Stoute's assistant, James Fanshawe, said: "They are both very nice horses who have been working well at home. We thought Charming Molly might not be suited by this soft ground, but Pat gave her a beautiful ride and did not knock her around."

Charming Molly was bought relatively cheaply by Irish owner Michael Ryan for $72,000 as a yearling at the Keeneland Sales. The filly will not race again this year but Stoute hopes to get another run into Storm Free, who "blew up" in the final furlong according to Swinburn.



Reg Akehurst: booked Michael Roberts for Cesarewitch ride

Pradel lands touch on hurdling debut

Pradel, fit from the Flat and jumping like an old hand, hacked up by 20 lengths in the first division of the Severn Bridge Novices' Hurdle at Worcester yesterday to land a nice touch for Mick Ryan's Newmarket stable.

Never out of the first four, the 9-2 chance was always travelling very easily as Imperial Charter showed the way and the issue was in no doubt from the moment Graham McCourt jumped him to the front four from home.

Pradel drew right away in the long straight to leave his only serious challenger, The Hill, toiling in second place. McCourt, riding his sixteenth winner of the season, said: "We've schooled him a lot and would have been very disappointed if he hadn't won today."

A stomach upset prevented Ryan coming to see Pradel, who is a son of Couteau, the mare that gave the trainer his first jumping success 11 years ago.

Both jockey Bruce Dowling and trainer Richard Lee broke the ice for the new season when The Welder won the Three Counties Handicap Chase for the second year running. The 4-1 favourite jumped past Rusty Roc at the third last and romped home with eight lengths to spare over Impany.

It was The Welder's first success since he took the same race 12 months ago and the Presteigne trainer explained: "I turned him away last winter because he doesn't like the soft ground. Then, when he came back, he didn't seem quite right so I didn't run him. But he has gone well in his previous three starts this season and I think he's been just a little bit unlucky until today."

Lee, who may run The Welder at Uttoxeter next, cannot understand why Dowling, his stable jockey, does not get more rides. "Who could have ridden this horse better today," he said.

Returns underline the great divide

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Predictions that the Cartier Million Sale would comfortably outstrip last year's figures were borne out this week when the aggregate for the three days rose nine per cent, from Ir21.3 million guineas to Ir23.3 million guineas.

However, as the average rose by only one per cent, to Ir93,018 guineas, and the median — the price which exactly splits the number of lots sold through the entire auction — showed a drop of almost 12 per cent at Ir50,000 guineas, it was largely a case of the rich getting richer and the poor becoming poorer.

Indeed, the two most successful vendors, the Camas Park Stud and the Tullamaine Castle Stud, took home between them more than 30 per cent of the entire aggregate.

The Camas Park Stud is run by Tim Hyde, who bears the same name as his father, long remembered as Tom Dreaper's first jockey and the partner of the first post-war Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Prince Regent.

Tim holds the Irish record for a yearling sold at public auction, the Ir3.1 million guineas paid by Sheikh Mohammed for a son of Shergar who, as Anthaal, became the sheikh's first classic-winning colt in the Irish St Leger.

That record is likely to stand for a long time, but the high point of the 21 Cartier lots sent up from Camas Park was the Northern Dancer colt bought by Robert Sangster for Ir1.3 million guineas. There was not, however, quite as much profit as might be thought in this sale topper as the mare had been originally bought for Ir£500,000 while Tim had to pay Ir£600,000 to secure a nomination to the now-retired Northern Dancer. The nine colts and 12 fillies which made up the Stud's draft totalled Ir4.7 million guineas.

Bob Lanigan, who operates the Tullamaine Castle Stud at Fethard in Co. Tipperary, obtained a total of Ir2.4 million guineas for a 19-lot consignment consisting of 13 colts and six fillies. He also achieved the top price on Thursday night, the Ir420,000 guineas paid by Dermot Weld for a filly by Nijinsky out of Flo Russell.

At the beginning of the week Sheikh Mohammed already had 142 yearlings being broken at his Kildangan Stud in Co. Kildare, but he showed a keen interest in augmenting this squadron with a further substantial intake of stock by the Northern Dancer stallion Sadlers Wells.

Thanks in large measure to his interest, Sadlers Wells emerged as the top sire of the week, his seven colts and three fillies fetching a total of Ir2.7 million guineas.

His success was also instrumental in Goff's getting to within Ir10,000 guineas of the figure achieved by their arch-rival Tattersalls at the High-flyer Sale at Newmarket last week.

Mary Linoa's double attempt

After the invasion of Longchamp a week ago, there are no English runners at the Bois de Boulogne track tomorrow.

The talking point of the group one Grand Criterium is the attempt by the Prix Marcel Boussac winner Mary Linoa to complete an unprecedented double.

She will be hard to beat, but the Andre Fabre-trained Along All (Cash Asmussen), by Mill Reef out of All Along, was a fluent winner of the Prix des Chenes last time and will test her to the full.

Dunlop sends strong team

John Dunlop sends a strong team to San Siro, Milan, tomorrow. Patriach (Willie Carson) and Topsider Man (Michael Kinane) line up for the £50,412 Premio Vittorio di Capua (1m), and are joined in this group one event by Just A Flutter (Bruce Raymond).

Dunlop also saddles Miss Secreto (Carson) for the £18,000 Premio Dormello (1m), and Dark Singer in the listed Premio del Dado. Miss Secreto, eighth in the Prix Marcel Boussac last weekend, should appreciate this drop in class.

Delius on course for King George

By Christopher Goulding

Delius, the winner of all three of his outings over fences last season, will be trained for the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day.

Richard Lee, the gelding's trainer, said: "I could not be more pleased with the horse. He starts his campaign at Kempton or Wetherby next month.

"With the problems that he has had with his legs I will keep him to the flat tracks. It would be tempting to go to Cheltenham, but his legs are always a worry."

It was at Cheltenham six seasons ago that Delius damaged his tendons in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle when trained by Michael Dickinson.

Lee, who in his third year with a full licence last season sent out 19 winners from his Powys yard, is only too aware of the problems encountered with the training of National Hunt horses.

"Leg problems are a constant worry in a trainer's life," said Lee. "Sandicliffe Boy has returned to the yard after missing last season because of leg trouble.

"He is some machine and could be anything. He won his only novice chase two years ago after winning four point-to-points."

Miss Nero, who finished second to Galmoy in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at this year's Festival, will again be campaigned in long-distance hurdle events this season.

"I have Miss Nero's half-sister, Bit Of A Chance, who looks capable of winning some races. She came over from Ireland as did Famous Lad. He is a horse whom I think will be very good."

It would be foolhardy to make a prophecy at this stage of the season about the outcome of this season's Cheltenham Gold Cup, one of the few major races to have eluded Jim Joel, the 94-year-old owner.

Joel, who won last year's Grand National with the Andy Turnell-trained Maori Venture, is still searching for that elusive steeplechaser to carry his distinguished black jacket and red cap to victory in the Gold Cup on the Gloucestershire track.

But his patience this season may be rewarded with Mount Parson, a recent purchase from Ireland. It is only fitting that the chestnut is now trained by Andy Turnell, came close to winning the Gold Cup for Joel with The Laird, who was beaten a neck by Fort Leney 20 years ago.

"We will start him off in handicaps and see how things go," said Turnell. "The Hennessy Gold Cup is certainly a possibility, but he will not be running for sometime as he needs cut in the ground."

Last season Mount Parson, when trained by Peter McCreery, was going ominously well in the Sun Alliance Chase at the Cheltenham Festival until falling at the fourth last when in the lead.

Try A Scotch and Mr Optimist will also carry the Joel colours in the coming months. "They are two very nice horses," said Turnell. "Mr Optimist won both his novice hurdles last season in the style of a good horse.

"Try A Scotch is a horse I bought in Ireland from Padge Berry. He has won five point-to-points.

"Protection is fit and well and has made a good recovery from a pin-firing operation. He will keep to hurdles for the moment."

Midlands minnow with big ambitions

A series of weekly reports on Britain's racecourses
No 6: *UTTOXETER*

Until this summer, Uttoxeter was a run-of-the-mill jumping venue whose claim to fame was that it staged the Midlands Grand National, the longest but least prestigious of the Aintree imitations.

However, two months ago this former council-controlled National Hunt backwater was bought by Marlborough Park Leisure Ltd, whose aim is to convert the site into Britain's first floodlit, all-weather Flat racecourse. Jumping will apparently continue as before.

Little is known of Marlborough Leisure. Early promotional literature named Prince Yazid Saud, the owner of Persian Heights, as chairman but he has since distanced himself from the company.

Marlborough Leisure came to light 12 months ago when announcing plans to build a racecourse near Swindon. These never got off the ground.

Now it has big plans for Uttoxeter. Not only a new racecourse, but a training centre for 150 horses, a veterinary station and (wait for it) a conference centre are envisaged. In the context of humdrum Uttoxeter, these plans are not just ambitious but faintly surreal.

Stories in the racing press this week raised serious question marks about the company's cash flow, and the Jockey Club yesterday said it did not wish to discuss Uttoxeter's plans until the financial situation was clarified.

THE GOOD RACECOURSE GUIDE

Back at the track, the new owners have been making their presence felt, sacking and reinstating racecourse staff, lowering admission prices in some areas and repainting the stands.

Today's is the third meeting under the new regime. The first was a gala launch on August 11 complete with disco and fireworks. Despite hype in the press and on local radio, the attendance (officially 7,000 but it looked less) was not much up on the previous year.

So far the elderly have benefited most under the new owners. Pensioners used to be charged admission to the Course enclosure (then £2.75) and then allowed to transfer into Tattersalls (now called the Marlborough Enclosure) at no extra cost.

Admission for OAPs to both enclosures is now free on production of a special pass issued by the executive to those who bring their pension book and a passport-sized photograph. Already, 900 pensioners have taken advantage of the concession, from as far away as Liverpool and Manchester.

For ordinary racegoers, admission to the Course enclosure has been reduced from £2.75 to £2.50 and the 50p car park charge dropped. Meanwhile, the car park attendants have been dismissed and then reinstated after the contract was temporarily awarded to National Car Parks.

Catering arrangements appear somewhat confused. New caterers were due to take over today but Jenkinsons, who have done the job for 20 years, are still expected to be providing the food and drink, even though they are in dispute with the racecourse over an allegedly unpaid bill, a matter which they have taken to court.

While Marlborough Leisure are taking the big decisions, the day-to-day running of the track is in the hands of David McAllister, a rare surviving member of the old regime.

Racecourse manager for the past four years, he has taken over as clerk of the course from Bob Davies, who temporarily held the post following the departure of John Ford, who fell out with the former owners, East Staffordshire District Council.

What locals want to know from Mr McAllister is how a Flat track, let alone a training centre, can be accommodated at Uttoxeter, which is comparatively small and almost certainly too tight and undulating to attract high-class Flat horses.

There is also the question of access. Traffic jams are already a problem. How will the narrow approach roads cope with the bigger attendances envisaged by Marlborough Leisure?

East Staffordshire DC seem confident that this can all be sorted out. They have retained a 19 per cent stake in the newly-formed Uttoxeter Racecourse Company and are backing Marlborough all the way.

For the time being, a day out at Uttoxeter will remain unglamorous but fun. The crowd's favourite horse is the chaser Jimmy Miff, who has won so often he has a bar named after him. Now 16, he pulled up lame at the last meeting and, sadly, must be on the verge of retirement.

The jockey to watch out for is Diane Clay, whose father trains nearby. A former champion amateur weightlifter, she is extremely strong and rides a lot of winners over hurdles. No less a colleague than Peter Scudamore has sung her praises.

This is an intriguing, if turbulent, phase in Uttoxeter's history. A recent handout from Marlborough Leisure stated that its overall aim was to promote Uttoxeter as "a centre of excellence in all aspects of the equine athlete to the betterment of the racing industry."

It is the tone as much as the content which inclines one to be cautious.

ALL THE DETAILS

ROAD TRAVEL: Whether you are coming from the north or south, leave the M6 at junction 14, join the Stafford ring road and then follow signs for Uttoxeter. The racecourse is a mile beyond the town.

RAIL TRAVEL: Uttoxeter station adjoins the racecourse and is on the Derby and Stoke lines. More affluent London travellers take the through train to Stafford followed by a 25-minute taxi ride to the course.

ACCOMMODATION: There are hotels in Uttoxeter but equally good accommodation can be found at the Dog & Partridge in Tutbury or the Brookhouse Inn at Rolleston-on-Dove, both a few miles to the east.

ADMISSION: Members' £7.50, Marlborough Enclosure £5.50, Course £2.50. The annual Members' badge, valid for all 15 days at Uttoxeter and seven fixtures elsewhere, costs £45. For an extra £20, men can buy a double badge which allows them to bring any woman of their choice. You would have thought, in this day and age, the arrangement would work both ways. It doesn't.

CAR PARKING: Free.

INQUIRIES: Major David McAllister, Uttoxeter Racecourse Company, Wood Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire. Tel: (0889) 562561. One box is available for daily hire but it does not have a view of the racing. Marquees can also be rented.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS: None.

BIG-RACE DATES: Midlands Grand National (Saturday, April 22); Spring Bank Holiday, a well-attended family meeting with a funfair in the centre of the course (May 1-2).

UTTOXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Sam's Tickle. 2.30 Marshal Blake. 3.0 Auntie Dot. 3.30 Bishopdale. 4.0 Zagazig. 4.30 Double Turn. 5.0 Favourite Guest.

Going: good

2.0 RECRUITS NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (16 runners)

2 3136 RUE ST JACQUES 28 (D,F) B Smart 5-11-5 T Pinfield (7)
3 6-14 VISION OF WONDER 10 (BF,D,F) J King 4-11-4 I Lawrence (7)
5 DIRECTLY 712F G Balding 5-10-12 J Frost
6 0- GO MOTORPLAN 534 P Charlton 6-10-12 J J Quinn
7 0P-5 HOT GEM 15 Mrs S Oliver 5-10-12 —
8 /40- NIAFTIR 140F (BS) R Wilding 5-10-12 T Wall
10 30/- PRINCIPAL 187 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-12 M Dwyer
11 32- SAM'S TICKLE 584 R Lee 5-10-12 S Dowling
16 ARTFUL ABBOT J Webber 4-10-11 G Mernagh
17 P6-4 CELTIC RIFLE 39 O'Neill 4-10-11 —
18 -435 PRINCE CELTIC 26 W Clay 4-10-11 Diane Clay (4)
19 020- SASCHA'S REPRIEVE 55F K Stone 4-10-11 D Byrne (4)
21 66-5 TOUCH OF SPEED 16 (BF) M Francis 4-10-11 B de Haan
25 032- MOORE STYLISH 189 J Ringer 5-10-7 S McNeill
29 04- TEARFUL REUNION 131 Mrs M James 4-10-6 W Humphreys (4)
30 2532 WHO'S ZOOMIN' WHO 5 T Caldwell 4-10-6 Peter Caldwell (7)

11-4 Vision of Wonder, 4-1 Moore Stylish, 11-2 Touch of Speed, 13-2 Rue St Jacques, 7-1 Hot Gem, 10-1 others.

2.30 PAYMASTERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£740: 3m) (14)

2 44-1 MARSHAL BLAKE 16 (B,CD,F) Miss S Wilton 5-12-1 (Sex) B Dawles (7)
3 -635 ROCHES ROOST 22 (F) N Robinson 5-11-9 N Roche (7)
5 302- MYLIEGE 200 G Ham 4-11-5 S Mackey (7)
6 002- TODAY EDDY 110F (B) C Jackson 5-11-4 J Bryan
7 335- BOXIT 126 (C,S) J Mackie 5-11-4 Diane Clay (4)
8 0323- BUTE BOUQUET 152 R Juckes 6-11-4 —
9 /4F0- CHEDDLETON WHIFF 191 Miss S Wilton 6-11-3 B Powell
10 CASTLE POOL 815F D Gandolfo 6-11-3 S McNeill
11 -5/4 BEDROCK 16 (F) P Davis 5-11-3 Tarvyn Davis
13 F-20 KAIN PARK 7 Mrs G Reveley 5-11-1 P Niven
15 4433 JANAAR 10 J Harris 6-11-0 J A Harris
18 05-F BATTY BEATLE 37 R Frost 5-11-0 J Frost
19 5824 WALMER SANDS 10 B Preece 5-11-0 —
20 0P-P LADY PRY 14 (B) M Oliver 5-11-0 J Rellihan (7)

7-4 Marshal Blake, 3-1 Myliege, 5-1 Boxit, 13-2 Today Eddy, 10-1 Janaab, 12-1 Roches Roost, 16-1 others.

3.0 16th/5th THE QUEEN'S ROYAL LANCERS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,295: 2m 4f) (11)

1 F112- WORTHY KNIGHT 133 (D,F,C,S) B McLean 7-12-1 B Storey
2 21-5 AUNTIE DOT 35 (CD,F,C,S) J Webber 7-12-0 G Mernagh
3 2313 BATTLEFIELD BAND 12 (D,F,C,S) J Blundell 11-11-7 (7) M Brennan
4 504- THOMOND PRIDE 175 (B,D,S) P O'Connor 12-11-10 Mr G Hanmer (7)
6 624- CENTRE ATTRACTION 143 (D,F,S,S) G Richards 5-11-8 P Tuck
7 12P- UP COOKE 126 (F,S) G Moore 7-11-4 M Hammond
9 -21F SPRITEBRAND 11 (BF,D,F,C) M H Easterby 8-10-13 R Marley (4)
12 0-P6 DUNSTALL 14 (D,F,C,S) B Morgan 11-10-11 M Dwyer
14 43-0 ALICE'S BOY 12 (D,S) R Francis 7-10-5 C Cowley
19 06P-4 MODERN MUSIC 14 (S,S) C Jackson 9-10-0 J Bryan
24 3450 TIERENEE 5 (D,F,S) F Barton 10-10-0 T Wall

2-1 Spritebrand, 100-30 Battlefield Band, 9-2 Auntie Dot, 9-1 Up Cooke, 10-1 Centre Attraction, 12-1 others.

3.30 LICHFIELD GARRISON CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES' CHASE (£1,834: 2m 4f) (12)

1 5-U1 BISHOPDALE 16 (CD,F,C,S) W Stephenson 7-11-6 A Merrigan
4 F-33 AH HELLO 14 J Jenkins 7-11-0 R Rowe
5 -353 ALL INTENT 40 (F) G Thorner 6-11-0 S McNeill
6 0-P BEAGH CASTLE 14 R Tate 7-11-0 Miss F Tate (7)
8 4P0 CAPAGEMBE 5 D Williams 6-11-0 —
9 P-83 CORNISH SPRING 12 R Francis 6-11-0 C Cowley
11 6-PP HALF A BUCK 21 J Parish 6-11-0 C Warren
13 6354 MR FAGIN 2 (B) M Oliver 7-11-0 J Rellihan (7)
14 1P3-B MWEENISH 7 (C) J Webber 6-11-0 G Mernagh
16 0P6-4 SPEY HAWK 63 R Peacock 7-11-0 B Powell
17 040- FOXCOPSE 147 J Webber 5-10-12 M Lynch
18 2122 MALICHO 17 (BF,C) G Balding 5-10-12 J Frost

15-8 Malicho, 11-4 Mweenish, 5-1 Bishopdale, 9-1 Mr Fagin, 14-1 Ah Hello, All Intent, 16-1 others.

4.0 STAFFORDSHIRE REGIMENT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,049: 2m) (18)

1 -404 CASUAL PASS 14 (D,F,S) G Richards 5-12-2 Mr P Doyle (7)
2 P68-5 RUMBERSIDE LADY 21 (D,C,S) J Cosgrave 7-11-10 K Ryan
5 2SP- IN MOTION 32F (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8 J Leech (7)
6 1221 BRENT RIVERSIDE 17 (D,F,S) G Balding 5-11-8 A Charlton (7)
7 654- DOWN FLIGHT 211 (S) T Caldwell 8-11-5 Peter Caldwell (7)
8 -S1-1 POINT MADE 14 (D,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-3 (7ex) Mr P Pitman
10 1F4- SALACITY 173F (D,G) G Moore 4-11-2 M Hammond
11 0-66 PRINCESS ISMELE 26 (D,F,S) K Bailey 4-11-1 M Lynch (7)
17 4-32 ZAGAZIG 7F (BF,D,S) N Callaghan 5-10-12 W Humphreys (4)
18 1-6 HELLO GEORGIE 7 (F) M H Easterby 5-10-11 R Garritty (7)
20 010- BENGAIRN 189 (D,S) G Richards 5-10-11 P Tuck
21 000- TAFFY JONES 40F (C,D,F,S) M McCormack 5-10-10 M Dwyer
23 -043 CHARLIE DICKINS 22 (D,S) R Hollinshead 4-10-9 Gary Lyons (7)
24 1221 HAWAIIAN HEIR 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Clay 5-10-8 Diane Clay (4)
25 -5F4 RUN BY JOVE 22 (D,S) Miss P Hall 5-10-8 J Osborne
27 12-P SOLENT LAD 58 (CD,G,S) B Stevens 5-10-5 M Stevens (7)
28 1330 GLEN WEAVING 12 (BF,D,F,S) L Codd 4-10-6 —
30 2-P0 RISING SOVEREIGN 5 (D,F,G) J Parish 10-10-4 C Warren

9-4 Point Made, 7-2 Zagazig, 9-2 Salacity, 8-1 Brent Riverside, 9-1 Bengairn, 12-1 Casual Pass, 14-1 others.

4.30 STAFFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,166: 3m 2f) (12)

4 22-1 DOUBLE TURN 26 (F,S) Mrs E Heath 7-11-10 Mr P Harding-Jones (7)
5 U4-4 SID MCDUAD 78 (S) W Stephenson 7-11-5 A Merrigan
6 55P- MATRIC 204 (S) J Blundell 7-11-5 M Brennan
8 33- LORD LAURENCE 534 (D,F,S) D Gandolfo 9-11-3 S McNeill
12 -PU DELATOR 7 (D,S) J Roberts 11-11-0 L Harvey
13 -4SF GOLD CASTE 5 (D,F) K Morgan 11-10-13 —
14 3-41 PERROIC 16 (CD,F) J Dalton 8-10-7 (5ex) B de Haan
15 2421 JOSEY WALES 12 (D,F) B Smart 6-10-6 (5ex) T Pinfield (7)
16 040- LEGAL EMPEROR 133 (F,S) Mrs C Clark 10-10-5 A Orkney
17 P-24 WARNER'S END 28 (BF,S) J Webber 7-10-5 G Mernagh
18 411- WARLEGGAN 131 (F,S) G Ham 7-10-3 B Powell
20 -942 RIMFIRE 5 W Clay 13-10-3 Mr R Bevan (7)

6-4 Double Turn, 4-1 Rimfire, 6-1 Pernoic, 8-1 Warner's End, 10-1 Josey Wales, 12-1 others.

5.0 RECRUITS' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (Div II: £685: 2m) (16)

1 -051 FAST REALM 16 (CD,F) D Wellcome 5-11-5 M Bastard
5 050- BALA BOY 135 T Ball 5-10-12 B Clark
6 FG6- BWANA KALI 148 J Bennett 5-10-12 L Harvey
8 P00- DEPLETE 186 J Blundell 5-10-12 M Brennan
10 403- ESPY 206 C Brooks 5-10-12 M Bosley
14 00- PLAIN TALK 408F G Thomas 5-10-12 S McNeill
15 000- CHARLIE PEPPER 139 J Norton 4-10-11 —
19 2P-3 FAVOURITE GUEST 16 Miss S Wilton 4-10-11 M Dwyer
20 50-2 GERSUITY 10 J King 4-10-11 J Duggan
21 HYGENA LEGEND 10F J Cosgrave 4-10-11 S Keightley
23 MIDNIGHT STORM O Sherwood 4-10-11 S Sherwood
24 -6S8 NICKEL SILVER 18 (BF) G Richards 4-10-11 P Tuck
27 00- NOBLE PROSPECT 220 P Charlton 4-10-6 J J Quinn
28 PINK SWALLOW 396F Miss A King 4-10-6 A Webb
29 RIOULADE J Webber 4-10-6 G Mernagh
30 9-P0 TYRIAN PRINCESS 98 (BF) Mrs M Rimell 4-10-6 J Bryan

5-4 Favourite Guest, 3-1 Espy, 5-1 Nickel Silver, 8-1 Fast

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 8 winners from 13 runners, 61.5%; J Dalton, 3 from 8, 37.5%; M H Easterby, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Webber, 12 from 42, 28.6%; Mrs J Pitman, 8 from 34, 23.5%; G Richards, 8 from 36, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 8 winners from 19 runners, 42.1%; S Davies, 6 from 21, 28.6%; B de Haan, 7 from 25, 28.0%; G Mernagh, 10 from 40, 25.0%; P Tuck, 9 from 36, 25.0%; C Cowley, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

Course specialists

Results from Ascot

RACING

Speedy Glencroft can lead record-making double for Chapman

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

When Glencroft won his ninth handicap of the year at York on Wednesday he equalled the 20th century record for the number of handicaps won in a season which was established by his elder stable companion Chaplins Club in 1985.

Interestingly Chaplins Club had himself equalled his own record when he was victorious at Haydock last Saturday.

On Wednesday Chaplins Club was runner-up to Glencroft in the Barclays Unicorn Trophy.

Today the two stable companions have gone their separate ways, each in search of the outright record: Glencroft to Ascot for the Bovis Handicap; Chaplins Club to York again for the Coral Bookmakers Sprint Trophy.

Such is the form of the Stillington-based sprinters these days I will not be remotely surprised if they both return home triumphant, still sharing the record.

Glencroft in particular has defied the law of handicapping this season. For, when he won at York on Wednesday, he was racing off a mark 50lb higher than when he made a successful debut way back in April.

After that four-length victory at York, *Timeform* accorded him the best speed figure for a sprinter this season.

In the circumstances I think that he should be capable of winning yet again because his weight today includes just one penalty for winning at Goodwood eight days ago. For winning again on Wednesday, he has escaped Scot free.

Interestingly, there is now a line through North Of Watford which says that Glencroft represents nap material to beat Gallant Hope and Durasingh on these terms.

For when North Of Watford finished fourth to Glencroft on Wednesday he was given a 45lb hiding.

Before that Durasingh had given him only a 4lb beating when they finished first and fourth respectively at Ascot 15 days ago.

At Phoenix Park last Saturday Stephen Craine enjoyed the pay day of a lifetime when he won the Cartier Million on Corwyn Bay.

Now he looks to have a good chance of winning another coveted, although less valuable, race for two-year-olds, the Cornwallis Stakes on the smart Irish filly Heather Seeker.

I cannot think of another member of today's 13-strong field who would have beaten that good older sprinter Perion the way that she did last month.

Today's programme can begin with Unfirwain's younger half-brother Nashwan confirming the promise that he showed first time out by winning the Red Oaks Autumn Stakes. And it should end with Miss Fancy That doing likewise in the Hyperion Stakes.

Elsewhere Chaplins Club has the right sort of draw on the Knavesmire where Pipsted must have a good chance of winning the Kirkham Handicap having beaten the subsequent Salisbury winner Buzzbomb so decisively at Newmarket eight days ago.

On the jumping front, Rowlandsons Jewels can keep his unbeaten record over fences intact by winning the Stour Novices' Chase at Worcester where Parlezvousfrancais will be hard to catch in the Inkberrow Hurdle.

Hexham lost to the wind

Yesterday's Hexham meeting was abandoned before racing began after the stewards had decided that the winds were too strong.

The first race had already been put back half an hour when the stewards decided to walk the course at 2pm. At the time there were 60mph gusts sweeping the course.

As Gallant Hope is meeting Durasingh on 10lb better terms this time, he looks poised to do best of Gerald Cottrell's three runners.

The Princess Royal Stakes has attracted Casey, Banket, Bahamian, Highbrow and Upend who finished first, second, third, fourth and fifth respectively in the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster last month.

Strictly speaking Banket is the best off at these weights. But, as she was beaten at Longchamp only a week ago, Casey, who has won over today's course and distance in the meantime, is preferred.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 3.35 Lugana Beach; 4.40 Cuvee Charlie; 5.10 Al Hareb. YORK: 2.15 Welshmans Pride; 3.15 Sharp Justice; 4.15 Steppey Lane.

ASCOT

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Nashwan.	2.00 Dominicus.
2.30 Casey.	2.30 Casey.
3.00 GLENCROFT (nap).	3.00 Durasingh.
3.35 Heather Seeker.	3.35 Hadif.
4.10 Hopping Around.	4.10 Bingdon Builders.
4.40 Single.	4.40 Ghaaer.
5.10 Miss Fancy That.	5.10 Miss Fancy That.

By Michael Seely

2.00 NASHWAN (nap). 2.30 Banket. 5.10 Miss Fancy That.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 GLENCROFT.

Going: good to soft — **Draw: no advantage**

2.0 RED OAKS AUTUMN STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £8,984: 1m) (6 runners) BBC 1

103	(2)		CACOETHES (P Locke) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
104	(5)	30	DOMINICUS 22 (W Gredley) C Britain 8-11	R Cochrane	73
105	(4)	2	MOONFISH 22 (BF) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery	95
106	(1)	1	NASHWAN 55 (G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) N Graham 8-11	W Carson	99
107	(3)	122124	OPTIMIST 8 (G,S) (D Brown) S Norton 8-11	W R Swinburn	97
108	(6)	338284	BECAUSE BECAUSE 16 (B) (J Marsden) R Hannon 8-6	S Raymond	96

BETTING: 13-8 Nashwan, 15-8 Moonfish, 4-1 Cacoethes, 10-1 Because Because, 12-1 Optimist, 25-1 Dominicus.

1987: MEETING - ABANDONED WATERLOGGED COURSE

FORM MOONFISH pulled very hard early on but still came through strongly to beat Star Shareef (levels) a head in a valuable Graduation event at Newbury (1m) with DOMINICUS (same terms) 13¼l away 6th, having been bumped 2f out. *Unfortunately, he was demoted to second.*

NASHWAN impressed when beating Young Turpin (levels) ¾l at Newbury (7f) with 25 others behind. He *should come on for that run but stepped as if he would do even better over a longer trip.*

BECAUSE BECAUSE ran well over this course and distance last time when finishing a 3l 4th to Miss Fancy That (rec 8lb) but is thoroughly exposed as is *Northern raider OPTIMIST.*

CACOETHES by Alydar, he cost $255,000 and is related to 3 winners in the States.

Selection: MOONFISH

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES (Group III: fillies: £23,598: 1m 4f) (8 runners) BBC 1

201	(4)	5-	PHARLAND 468 (K Al-Said) B Hills 4-9-0	R Hills	—
202	(7)	113611	CASEY 14 (CD,F,G) (G Leigh) L Cumani 3-8-13	R Cochrane	93
204	(5)	215333	BAHAMIAN 21 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Tree 3-8-9	Pat Eddery	94
205	(6)	534231	PRETORIA 28 (B,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 3-8-9	P Cook	79
206	(1)	3-12315	UPEND 21 (D,BF,G) (P D Player) H Cecil 3-8-9	W Ryan	94
209	(2)	4-51232	BANKET 7 (D,S) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 3-8-6	S Raymond	99
211	(8)	1-42424	HIGHBROW 31 (B) (The Queen) N Graham 3-8-6	W Carson	96
213	(6)	242315	RASMARA 51 (D,G) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-6	W Newnes	89

BETTING: 3-1 Casey, 100-30 Bahamian, 9-2 Banket, 5-1 Upend, 8-1 Highbrow, 10-1 Pretoria, 20-1 Rasmara, 25-1 Pretoria.

FORM CASEY is the filly in form at present and can follow up her course and distance victory last time when she beat Theatregoddess (rec 12lb) 1l. Previously, she beat BANKET (7lb better off) a head with BAHAMIAN (4lb better off) 2½l away 3rd, HIGHBROW (10lb better off) 2l away 4th and UPEND (4lb better off) a short head away 5th in the Group II Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m 6f).

BANKET is weighted to reverse those placings but she had a hard race last Monday when finishing a 3l 4th to Floripedes (rec 4lb) in a Group III race at Longchamp (1m 7f) and may not be so well suited by this shorter trip.

UPEND, at York in August, beat Percy's Lass ½l with BANKET (3lb better off) 5l away 3rd, RASMARA (3lb better off) 6½l away 5th and CASEY (4lb worse off) 2l away 6th.

Selection: CASEY

3.0 BOVIS HANDICAP (£12,902: 5f) (16 runners) BBC 1

301	(5)	101-295	PEACE GIRL 10 (D,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-10	—	88
302	(9)	200016	PERFECT TIMING 14 (CD,F,G,S) (R Vines) L Cottrell 5-9-8	W R Swinburn	87
303	(11)	123311	GLENCROFT 3 (D,F,G,S) (M Wane) D Chapman 4-8-6 (7ex)	S Webster	99
304	(9)	8-84108	ROTHERFIELD GREYS 42 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Gleeson) C Wall 5-8-5	N Day	89
305	(4)	300600	POLYKRATIS 15 (CD,F,G) (M Perelcos) M Francis 6-8-4	W Newnes	88
306	(2)	303612	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 29 (D,F,G) (Cumbrian Ind) M H Easterby 3-8-13	Pat Eddery	92
308	(8)	600600	SINGING STEVEN 8 (CD,F,G,S) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 4-8-11	S Raymond	86
309	(12)	000600	WHIPPET 8 (B,D,F,G) (A Richards) C Austin 4-8-8	R Cochrane	89
310	(13)	024021	DURASINGH 15 (CD,F) (T Warner) M Jarvis 5-8-2 (7ex)	J Quinn (5)	89
311	(7)	221018	DISTANT RULER 30 (D,F,G,S) (A Smith) C Nelson 4-8-1	S Whitworth	89
312	(1)	361002	GALLANT HOPE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) L Cottrell 6-7-13	W Carson	92
313	(6)	634000	YOUNG INCA 30 (CD,F,G,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 10-7-11	C Rutter	91
314	(14)	631464	DUCK FLIGHT 8 (D,G,S) (Causeway Builders) J Douglas-Home 6-7-10	—	88
316	(16)	000586	SONILLA 8 (D,F,S) (J Lee) R Holder 3-7-8	S Dawson	89
317	(10)	040068	COPPERHILL LAD 8 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) L Holt 5-7-7	N Adams	85
318	(15)	525103	TYLERS WOOD 8 (D,G) (Mrs J Redmond) J Winter 3-7-7	Dale Gibson (5)	87

Long handicap: Copperhill Lad 7-4, Tylers Wood 7-0.

BETTING: 9-2 Glencroft, 6-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 13-2 Gallant Hope, 8-1 Durasingh, 9-1 Perfect Timing, 10-1 Duck Flight, Distant Ruler, 14-1 Tylers Wood, 16-1 Rotherfield Greys, Peace Girl, 20-1 others.

FORM GLENCROFT may not be ideally suited by the ground but won with such authority at York (5f) on Wednesday that he is *hard to oppose. In registering his 5th victory of the season, he comfortably beat Chaplins Club (rec 5lb)* 4l.

GLENCROFT earlier he beat P J Kelly (rec 7lb) 2½l with TYLERS WOOD (1lb worse off) 1½l away 3rd, *COPPERHILL LAD (4lb better off) 4½l away 6th and* SINGING STEVEN (7lb better off) 1½l away 9th.

GALLANT HOPE finished a 2l 2nd to DURASINGH over this course and distance last time and on 10lb better terms has bright chances of reversing the placings.

POLYKRATIS, TYLERS WOOD and SINGING STEVEN are all hold on that by the pair on that form.

CUMBRIAN WALTZER makes the long trip from Yorkshire and has good claims on his short head 2nd to Sir Captain (rec 5lb) at Goodwood (5f) with GALLANT HOPE (2lb better off) 4l away 7th and SINGING STEVEN (10lb) 11th.

Selection: GLENCROFT

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Wide Receiver. 2.45 Burley Hill Lad. 3.15 Kamadoor. 3.50 Rowlandsons Jewels. 4.20 Pantechnicon. 4.50 Parlezvousfrancais.

Going: good to firm

2.15 EXCELNIR NOVICES' SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £967: 2m) (12 runners)

4	4		DESERT EMPEROR 7 N Tinkler 11-0	G McCourt	
8	8283		PINEY POINT 31 G Balding 11-0	R Guest	
12	2	28	SPEEDY GRAND LAD 28 K Bridgwater 11-0	P Dexter	
11	3R5		STOCKADE 36 K Bishop 11-0	S Earle	
12			TAMBETTUK 329 D Burchell 11-0	D J Burchell (4)	
14			WIDE RECEIVER 48F S Curley 11-0	D Murphy	
16	69		BRIANSTAN ROSE 21 B Cambidge 10-8 Mr J Cambidge		
17			COLLEGE SUPREME 95F M Stoute 10-8	S Woods (4)	
18	0		EMLYN ROSE 14 P Bevan 10-8	R Dunwoody	
21	608		RASPBERRY COPSE 14 K Morgan 10-8	N Doulas	
22	P0		SWIFT AFFAIR 35 (B) M Eddery 10-8	C Llewellyn	
24	20		TUPS 22 G Roe 10-5	P McDermott (7)	

9-4 Desert Emperor, 3-1 Wide Receiver, 9-2 Piney Point, 6-1 Stockade, 15-2 Tups, 10-1 others.

2.45 WORCESTER ROWING CLUB NOVICES' CHASE (£1,807: 2m) (18)

2	06-1		BURLEY HILL LAD 5 (D,F,G) J Mackie 8-11-8	S J O'Neill	
3	030-		ACCLAIM 159 (F,G) N Henderson 8-11-1	J Webb	
5	005-		ARTIC CHIEF 529 T Jones 7-11-1	G McCourt	
7	F4-4		BOGEE 12 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-1	E Murphy	
8	0-		COLD AND BOLD 175 D O'Neill 7-11-1	—	
9	1-20		COMITEC PRINCE 28 (G,S) B Foxley 6-11-1	C Llewellyn	
10	60F-		DENTZ 3F C Holmes 6-11-1	—	
11	20-0		DOBSONS CHOICE 7 (F,S) Mrs S Evans 10-11-1	D Tegg	
14	5/PP-		KING'S SLAVE 187 P Hayward 7-11-1	B Wright	
15	02P-		MENINGI 178 (F,G,S) K Bishop 7-11-1	S Earle	
16	-543		MONTEFIASCO 17 (G) R Hodges 6-11-1	W Irvine (4)	
18	6F3-		RANDOM CHARGE 229 Andrew Turnell 7-11-1	S Knight	
20	35-5		SCALE THE HEIGHTS 3 K White 8-11-1	N Coleman	
23	00-		BANBRIDGE 214 D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	
24	22-0		NEW WARRIOR 2 (B,S) C Popham 5-11-0	B Powell	
25	F8-3		STARDUST ROC 10 J Bradley 5-11-0	G Dexter	
26	P-55		OUTWOOD LASS 28 (B) B Wells 10-10-10	G Charles-Jones	
28			WILDWOOD MOSS 1230 C Lucas 9-10-10	Mr R Greene (7)	

4-1 Elgas, 11-2 Meningi, 13-2 Random Charge, 7-1 Burley Hill Lad, 8-1 Scale The Heights, 9-1 Acclaim, 10-1 others.

3.15 JOHN WHITT MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,656: 3m) (18)

1	F8-0		SOONER STILL 16 (B) J Edwards 4-12-2	T Morgan	
3	11-1		VI'S DELIGHT 21 (C,F) J Spearing 5-11-11	A Webb	
5	6P-3		STONEY CREEK 18 (B,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-7	M Pennett	
6	2-35		NORTHERN RULER 16 (CD,BF,G,S) R Thompson	6-11-5 C Hawkins	
9	999/-		LADY TUT 651 (G,S) T Bill 8-11-3	—	

Course specialists

TRAINERS: N Tinkler, 4 winners from 6 runners, 66.7%; S Christian, 5 from 22, 22.7%; K Bailey, 4 from 19, 21.1%; D Nicholson, 14 from 70, 20.0%; O O'Neill, 6 from 33, 18.2%; T A Forster, 12 from 69, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; T Morgan, 5 from 18, 27.8%; N Coleman, 12 from 55, 21.8%; Steve Knight, 5 from 27, 18.5%; E Murphy, 4 from 22, 18.2%; G Landau, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

(Not including yesterday's results)

10 666- LAST HOUSE 178 (G) Mrs M Easton 5-11-3 — A Jones
13 P35- SUPER GRASS 57 (B) B Smart 9-11-2 — R Dunwoody
14 2-23 ATTKI 28 (B,BF,F) R Atkinson 6-11-2 — S Smith Eccles
15 321- BLOCKADE 101F (F) R Barnett 5-11-2 — Peter Hobbs
18 8-81 KAMADOOR 4 (F) G Balding 5-11-7 (7ex) — R Guest
22 6F-5 CONNAUGHT CLEANERS 10 (BF,F) William Price 8-10- N Coleman
23 13-5 STEPAULI 12 (F) J Davies 5-10-9 —
25 4239 PATCHOULI'S PET 18 (CD,F) W Morris 5-10-8 — A Mitchelhead (4)
27 3412 MR MAJESTY 21 (BF,G) T Greathead 4-10-7 —
28 0-60 STORMY MONARCH 5 (G,S) G Jones 7-10-7 — G Jones
30 1262 FLOR WONDER 16 (CD,F,S) J Davies 8-10-6 —
31 03/-2 CANDLELIGHT DINNER 14 (S) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-6 — R Hyatt
37 P6P- RAMBLING ECHO 173 (C,G) P Jones 7-10-0 — I Sheenan (4)

5-1 Vi's Delight, 8-1 Blockade, 13-2 Kamadoor, 15-2 Mr Majesty, 6-1 Astkl, Flori Wonder, 9-1 Last House, 10-1 others.

3.50 STOUR NOVICES' CHASE (£2,731: 3m) (18)

1	0P-1		ROWLANDSONS JEWELS 15 (CD,F,G,S) D Murray-Smith 7-11-7	NON-RUNNER	
2	1/23		BOLD IN COMBAT 15 (C,F,G) T Casey 5-11-4	R Dunwoody	
5	2432		BEERA QUEST 9 T Hallett 9-11-0	P Richards	
9	30-5		DINNY WALSH 16 (BF,F,S) J Edwards 7-11-0	T Morgan	
10	5/0-		DUKE OF ARUN 464 Mrs L Clay 7-11-0	M Richards	
12	6P-F		GOOD INVESTMENT 7 (B) B Llewellyn 8-11-0	Miss B Llewellyn (7)	
13	P-9		JAFLING 7 (F,G) J Bradley 10-11-0	Miss Pat Jones (7)	
14	5-32		KEMALS SECRET 16 R Curtis 8-11-0	R Goldstein	
15	P0-P		KINGSBRIDGE FLYER 15 A Chamberlain 5-11-0	Lorna Vincent	
16	6/6-		KOFFI 385 (B) F Yardley 5-11-0	C Cox	
18			MEMBERS MERLIN B Foxley 8-11-0	C Llewellyn	
19	6F3P		NEW GLEN 15 (B) D Williams 10-11-0	—	
23	66-F		REYNOLD'S CHOICE 17 (B) S Christian 7-11-0	Mr G Upton (7)	
24	364-		SOLIDASAROCK 260 (B) D Murray-Smith 6-11-7	S Smith Eccles	
25	-224		THAMES TRADER 31 (B) Mrs L Clay 7-11-0	M Richards	
26	5/P-		WALKERS LODGE 140 H Harper 8-11-0	M Bosley	
28	3-23		TEWTRELL LAD 22 J Bukowski 5-10-11	J D Doyle	
32	109-		RONDEAU 165 (B,F,S) R O'Sullivan 5-10-8	M Kinane	

5-2 Bold in Combat, 3-1 Rondeau, 5-1 Dinny Walsh, Solidasarock, 8-1 others.

4.20 SABRINA HANDICAP CHASE (£1,939: 2m 4f) (14)

2	FFP-		MOUNTAIN CRASH 194 (CD,F,G,S) J Edwards	8-11-10 T Morgan	
4	1162		HEADMF ON 4 (CD,F) K White 8-11-4	A O'Hagan	
6	21-3		METHERBRIDGE 14 (CD,F,G,S) D Gandolfo 10-10-13	S Smith Eccles	
7	365-		NO-U-TURN 362 (F,G) S Mellor 10-10-13	G Landau	
8	UP/-		WYFORD 539 (G,S) T Forster 11-10-13	R Davies	
9	6F-F		FAME LOVE 7 (D,F,G) Mrs S Evans 9-10-12	D Tegg	
10	2/-66		KARNATAK 14 (C,F) J Spearing 7-10-10	G McCourt	
12	-464		MISS WILLIAM 8 (CD,F,G,S) J Bradley 11-10-2	G Davies	
13	333P		PANTECHNICON 7 (G) A Stargrove 8-10-1	W Irvine (4)	
14	PPP-		WORD OF WISDOM 252 (D,G) J O'Shea 9-10-0	—	
15	-223		MARANZI 42 (CD,F,G,S) J Colston 10-10-0	R Dunwoody	
17	6F-P		STEEL VENTURE 14 (F,S) A James 9-10-0	J Bryan	
18	13-2		CELTIC CRACKLE 70 (F) P Cundell 8-10-0	C Cox	
19	0/-PP		KNOCK HARD 14 (G) Mrs S Mines 9-10-0	—	

9-2 Pantechnicon, 11-2 Celtic Crackle, 6-1 Maranzi, 7-1 No-U-Turn, 8-1 Wee William, 9-1 Headin' On, 10-1 others.

4.50 INKBERROW HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,567: 2m 4f) (4)

2	1112		MALLYPHA 37 (C,BF) J Edwards 11-3	T Morgan	
3	111-		PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS 227 (D,F,S) M Pipe 11-3	P Scudamore	
4	3FSP		MARIE BABY 12 (S) G Roe 10-12	P McDermott (7)	
5	6P-5		AFRICANUS MAJOR 12 (B) L Corbett 10-10	S Knight	

4-7 Parlezvousfrancais, 5-4 Mallypha, 16-1 Marie Baby, 25-1 Africanus Major.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Ascot

Going: good to soft

2.0 (2m) 1. RUSSIAN AFFAIR (M Roberts, 5-1); 2. Blind Faith (W R Swinburn, 5-1); Lallygoer (Pat Eddery, 7-2 jt fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Western Dancer (6th), 4 All Is Revealed (5th), 8 Icecapped (4th), 10 Impeach, 33 L B Laughs, 8 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 5l, 15l, ½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £23.20. CSF: £39.38. Tricast: £141.56. 3min 42.04sec.

2.30 (6f) 1. CHARMING MOLLY (Pat Eddery, 7-2); 2. Storm Free (W R Swinburn, 11-8 fav); 3. Assignment (W Carson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Brittle (4th), 8 Jumby Bay (5th), 10 Singing Stream (6th), 25 Love Prince, Nethir. 9 Ran. Sh hd, 2½l, 1½l, 2l, 7l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.80; £1.50, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.99. 1min 22.92sec.

3.05 (1m) 1. JAMARJ (M Birch, 7-2 jt fav); 2. New Trends (R Cochrane, 7-2 jt fav); 3. Alas For The Top (W R Swinburn, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt fav Thaidah (4th), 6 Bell Tower, 14 Sunshine Coast (5th), 20 Eye In The Sky, 33 Lauds (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 6l, ¾l, nk, 1l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £6.00. CSF: £14.55. 1min 47.73sec.

3.40 (7f) 1. FLY BY KNIFE (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2. Lantzoop Gale (R Cochrane, 5-1); 3. Hawaiian (B Rouse, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Nas Nite Louise, 10 Racing Home (4th), Sybilin, 12 Grandiflora, Honour The Word (6th), 14 Lucky Crystal, Petticoat Power, 16 Kissavos, 20 Formidere (5th), Greenwich Pagalion, 33 Finnair Fireside, Lady Speed Stick. 15 ran. NR: Miss Garuda. hd, nk, ½l, ¾l, 4l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £8.20; £2.70, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £21.60. CSF: £48.19. Tricast: £308.68. 1min 35.61sec.

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4.15 (1m 2f) 1. INDIAN QUEEN (Dale Gibson, 16-1); 2. Welsh (M Roberts, 7-1); 3. Petsuite (J Reid, 10-1); 4. Au Courant (M Hills, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Dust Devil (6th), Wonder Man, 8 Magnus Pym, Versatile, 12 Flyaway, Noor Mexico, Persilant, 16 Goscar, 20 True Queen (5th), 25 Nail Don, Matrician, Strawberry Song, Somebody, 17 ran. 3l, 2l, 2½l, 1½l, 6l. W Hastings-Bass at Newmarket. Tote: £30.50; £5.40, £1.70, £2.90, £6.00. DF: £58.40. CSF: £115.55. Tricast: £1,069.56. 2min 13.30sec.

4.45 (1m) 1. FACT FINDER (Ron Hills, 6-1); 2. No Jazz (N Gwilliams, 50-1); 3. Ostengayle (J Quinn, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Jerwah (5th), 6 Durban (4th), 10 Sea Symphony, 20 Hanasstic, Hymn Of Harlech, 33 Torrance (6th). 9 ran. 1l, ¾l, 1l, hd, 2½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £5.60; £1.40, £5.60, £1.70. DF: £205.10. CSF: £155.51. 1min 50.22sec.

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Worcester

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1. PRADEL (G McCourt, 9-2); 2. The Hill (R Dunwoody, 3-1); 3. Imperial Charter (T Morgan, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Fav Talus (5th), 13-2 Woodland Generator (4th), 14 General Medford (pu), 20 Laune's Panther (5th), 33 Bolt Head, 40 Celtic Dream, 50 Red Ant (pu), 66 Abbey Brave, Last Season (pu), Cleo Lady (pu), Pladda Princess (pu), Sirdar Girl (pu), Ashton Dancer. 16 ran. NR: Fairytale-Ending. 20l, 15l, 2l, nk, 7l. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £5.30; £2.60, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £10.90. CSF: £17.98.

2.45 (2m ch) 1. THE WELDER (B Dowling, 4-1 fav); 2. Inquiry (C Llewellyn, 14-1); 3. Rusty Roc (W Knox, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Deep Ridge (4th), 6 Mountain Mear (6th), 9 Larry's Bottle, 14 Schlemmer (pu), Simon Bolliver, 16 Indian (pu), 25 Dornvalley Lad (5th), 33 Tailored To Taste, 40 Steel Venture (pu) 12 ran. 8l, 2½l, 4l, 12l, 5l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £3.20, £1.10. DF: £22.40. CSF: £49.00. Tricast: £248.89.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. CELCIUS (P Scudamore, 2-1 fav); 2. Lotus Island (G McCourt, 7-2); 3. Maid Mariner (S Turner, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 We're In The Money (4th), 8 Below Zero (6th), 12 Cedar Run (4th), Torabella, 20 Redoubt, Sparkling (5th), Judy (pu), 33 Atromitos, Cloud Chaser, Tuesday Evening, Wolverhampton (pu), Mystasis. 14 ran. NR: The Cross. 2l, 15l, 7l, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.85. Bought in 4,500gns.

3.50 (2m 4f ch) 1. BRUNI BABY (Peter Hobbs, 15-2); 2. Costume Color (S J O'Neill, 5-1 fav); 3. Court Regular (S Earle, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Handy Lane, 15-2 Ballytrent (6th), 9 Maen Dippa, Oakgrove (4th), 14 Elvercone (pu), 16 The Furnituremaker (pu), 20 Rodeo Fun (ref), 33 Aligold Member (pu), Kilton Park (pu), Matchlessly (pu), 50 Fiduciary Duty (pu), Giddy Brig (pu), Thames Air (5th). 16 ran. NR: Nicopolan. 1¼l, 10l, 15l, 5l, sh hd. J Sayers at Findon. Tote: £8.30; £2.60, £2.40, £2.50. DF: £84.70. CSF: £39.76.

4.25 (3m ch) 1. GODFATHER'S GIFT (B Powell, 9-4 fav); 2. Way Under (M Perrett, 7-2); 3. Co-Member (T Davies, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Tudor Road (6th), 7 Kyoto (5th), 16 Roman Sea (4th), 20 Donaghmoyne. 7 ran. hd, 1l, 15l, hd, 2l. G Hare at Axbridge. Tote: £3.60; £2.20, £2.30. DF: £5.40. CSF: £10.61. After a stewards inquiry and an objection by the second the placings stand.

4.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1. SHADYNA (P Nichols, 16-1) 2. Obsetse (S de Haan, 100-30); 3. Couture Stockings (S McNeill, 7-1). I Like It A Lot 2-1 fav, 13 ran. 10l, 2l. D Barons. Tote: £11.60; £2.10, £3.80, £1.90. DF: £278.30. CSF: £72.42.

● Leading apprentice Gary Bardwell will be flying back from Sweden tomorrow to ride in England on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in an effort to retain his apprentice championship. He rides in Denmark today and Sweden tomorrow in the Long John European Apprentice Championship. He will rejoin the party in Paris on Wednesday evening.

● *The safety factor for the Riverdale Novices' Hurdle at Kempton on October 15 has* been reduced from 22 to 20 *following a recent visit to the* track by the inspector of courses.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Ayr, Pontefract, Warwick.

TUESDAY: Ayr, Redcar, Folkestone, Warwick, Newton Abbot.

WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Wetherby, Plumpton.

THURSDAY: Newmarket, Haydock Park, Wincanton.

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3.35 CORNWALLIS STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £19,256: 5f) (13 runners) BBC 1

401	(1)	111345	BARRYS GAMBLE 52 (CD,F,S) (Cheshire Trading) T Fairhurst 8-13	S Whitworth	85
404	(5)	10221	HADIF 35 (D,G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-13	Pat Eddery	85
405	(9)	140	LUGANA BEACH 114 (B,CD,F) (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-13	B Rouse	80
406	(12)	1235	OR ACIER 20 (G) (R Strauss) R Collet (Fr) 8-13	A Lequeux	83
407	(10)	202116	PALEY PRINCE 28 (D,F,G) (J Pitt) M Usher 8-13	A McGlone	98
408	(3)	122543	PASTORAL JEM 9 (D,F) (J Jones) M Francis 8-13	W Newnes	84
409	(7)	600144	SUPER ZOOM 44 (D,S) (S Taylor) J Baker 8-13	W Carson	88
410	(13)	11322	THAT'S THE ONE 23 (D,F,S) (N Reed Herbert) I Matthews 8-13	N Day	93
411	(11)	11635	TIGANI 42 (D,F,S) (Capt M Lamos) G Lewis 8-13	R Cochrane	84
413	(2)	111413	HEATHER SEEKER 27 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs T Gillson) L Browne (Ire) 8-11	S Craine	99
415	(9)	113	HUFOOF 30 (F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Thomson Jones 8-8	R Hills	88
416	(6)	35124	LADY TAP 7 (D,F) (I Kramer) W Hastings-Bass 8-8	W R Swinburn	83
417	(4)	451522	VALLDEMOSA 28 (D,BF,G) (Heathavon Stables Limited) J Berry 8-8	J Carroll	82

BETTING: 9-4 Heather Seeker, 4-1 Or Acier, 11-2 Hufoof, 8-1 Hadif, 7-1 That's The One, 8-1 Paley Prince, 10-1 Tigani, Lugana Beach, 12-1 others.

FORM HEATHER SEEKER has run consistently in the highest class all season and can claim this Group III prize. Last time, she was only caught close home when a ¾l 2nd to Flamenco Wave (levels) in the Group I Moyglare Stud Stakes at The Curragh (6f). The return to 5f should suit her well and the going should not inconvenience her.

THAT'S THE ONE looks best of the home challengers judged on his 2l 2nd to Petrilla (rec 11lb) in a Listed race at Ayr (5f) but may be better suited by an extra furlong.

OR ACIER disappointed last time but was unlucky in running when finishing a 2l 3rd to Desert Dawn (rec 3lb) in a Group III race at Longchamp on heavy ground.

BARRY'S GAMBLE won the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f) by a short head from PASTORAL JEM (same terms) would prefer a firmer surface and the latter has not run to that form of late.

Selection: HEATHER SEEKER

4.10 CORINTHIAN HANDICAP (Amateurs: £4,045: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

502	(9)	6-01000	BATTALION 44 (F) (F Parfade) J Dunlop 4-12-0	T Greatrex	95

GARDENING

Wilderness can be wonderful

Robin Neillands rejoices in the pleasures of letting nature colonise the grounds of his suburban house

Like Gaul, my garden is divided into three parts. There is a terrace, fenced in by flower-beds, where we have tea if it is sunny. Beyond that lie lawns and boundary hedges, which I pay a man to trim. Last, on the left, behind a privet hedge, lies my garden, which much resembles a wilderness.

I do not actually like gardening and, this being so, such a wilderness suits me very well. On the other hand, I do like wild flowers, birdlife, bees and butterflies, so my dislike of gardening comes in very useful, for to attract these into the garden, the best policy is one of benign neglect. Within broad limits, the less you interfere with nature, the better she likes it. That means no bonfires, no chemical sprays, no fast work with the chain-saw — in short, almost no gardening.

Nature, however, can use a helping hand from time to time. Nothing has done as much damage to Britain's flora and fauna over the decades as the relentless destruction of habitat and even suburban house-dwellers like myself, with no particular specialist knowledge, can play their part in restoring the balance. Those worthy bodies, the county naturalist trusts, own about 100,000 acres in Britain, whereas more than a million acres is taken up with private gardens.

Creating a wildlife garden begins with a survey of the ground and the removal of any debris left by the builders — bits of corrugated iron, spare bricks and wodges of concrete. The bricks I put back into a loose stack because the snails like them. I discovered that my garden's almost-hidden assets included bluebells, primroses and wild daffodils. Left alone, these have slowly spread and the primroses are starting to colonise a bank behind the garage. One find, on the lawn, was the occasional outcrop of cowslips — my favourite wild flower. These have been carefully pointed out to my mower-man and he harms them on pain of death.

Expanding my cowslip population is the project for the coming year and, pursuing the policy of benign neglect, part of the lawn will be allowed to turn back into a meadow and then be sown with wildflower seeds.

Attractive wild flowers now available in seed include the clustered bell-flower, corn marigold, poppy, harebells, wild pansy (heart's ease) ox-eye daisy and the pasque flower, most of which grow readily on my chalky slopes.

Wild flowers are now generally protected by the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, but their destruction continues unabated. They should not be picked, and must not be dug up, so those who wish to grow wild flowers in their garden must start from seed.

Fortunately, most garden centres now stock wild flower seeds, which can be planted in seed trays and the seedlings later transferred to some suitable spot in the spring. No problem here, even for an amateur like myself, because the packets carry adequate instructions, and wild flowers are remarkably forgiving.

Given the chance, they will grow almost anywhere. The growing of wildflowers is both an end in itself and a means to an end since wild flowers attract wildlife. Butterflies like nettles, so my garden has some good clumps of those, but for attracting birds and butterflies even tamed garden plants can play a part: buddleia, wallflowers, antirrhinums, roses all attract butterflies and bees, as does lilac, privet, lavender and veronica — and, once established, none of these requires much work . . . I know my limits.

Birds like berries to feed on and thick cover for shelter and nests. Here such plants as brambles, hypericum, aucuba japonica, pyracantha and honeysuckle are proving successful, although a little work with the shears is needed to keep some of these plants and shrubs from spreading into the more orderly parts of the garden. Moths like bladder campion, evening primrose and honeysuckle, and, as a rough guide, plants with berries attract birds and strongly scented plants are a lure for bees, moths and butterflies.

The bigger the garden and the more diverse the habitat, the greater the variety of flora and fauna you can attract.

Much of my garden is overshadowed by a small beech wood, which shelters a range of birds including owls, and a family of squirrels.

We also have hedgehogs, an occasional fox and, on one occasion, small deer which came into the garden across the fields at the back.

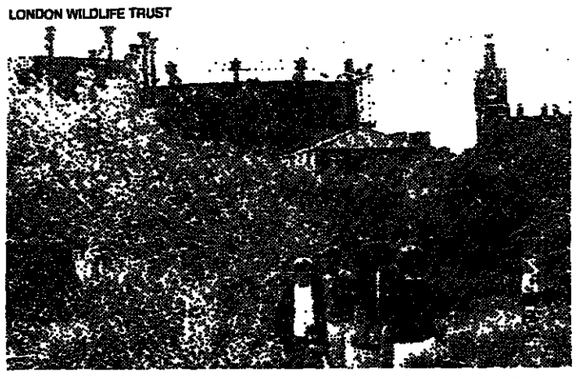
We take care to leave the hedges unclipped until the nesting season is over, and these thick hedges of privet and beech provide the birds with shelter in the worst of the winter weather. Blackberry, raspberry and holly bushes have been encouraged, partly because the birds like the berries, partly because the thorns keep off human and animal predators, but the honeysuckle is there because the blue tits and I like it.

ALAN WELLER



Learning to live with nature in London: toddlers in the garden of a Hackney house where frogs, butterflies and bees are encouraged

LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST



Wild in the city: Camley Street natural park at King's Cross

Where to dig for information

Plenty of information is available on wildlife gardening, both in books and at garden centres.

The Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley in Surrey has a good display of wildlife-attracting plants, stocks a good range of wild flower seeds from Unwins and John Chambers, and has a resident expert who happily tackles questions on wild flowers and wildlife habitat.

Good books include *Popular Garden Birds and How to Attract Them*, by Joe Firmin (Foulsham, £3.99); *The National Trust Book of Wildlife Gardening*, by John Stevens (Dorling Kindersley, £14.95); *The Wild Garden*, by Violet Stevenson (Frances Lincoln, £10.95); *How to Make a Wildlife Garden*, by Chris Banks (Elm Tree Books £7.95); and *Creating a Wild Garden*, by Bob and Liz Gibbons (Hamlyn, £10.95).

Information on creating a wildlife habitat in a garden can also be obtained from the Urban Wildlife Group in Birmingham.

Those who do not like reading can learn a lot by visiting wildlife gardens, and talking to the gardeners. Clapton Court, near Crewkerne in Somerset has a marvellous collection of trees and shrubs. Spinners Garden at Brockenhurst in the New Forest has a magnificent collection of woodland plants, and a nursery selling shrubs, and while in the area, visit Brockenhurst Park by the church, which has more unusual plants and shrubs.

The best way to find wildlife gardens or places selling suitable plants is to browse through the National Trust handbook, which gives details of all that can be seen in National Trust gardens all over the country.

My garden is loosely organized to attract butterflies and birds, but other people have other interests, and a garden can always offer much more than just gardening.

Herb gardens are becoming increasingly popular, with the plants used not just for cooking, but for their medicinal purposes. Mint and thyme we all know about, but did you know that an infusion of parsley leaves is said to remove freckles, while thyme provides energy?

Those who grow herbs for a hobby are also stepping closer to history, another garden theme. Herbs provided most of the remedies of antiquity, and many herbs and their uses date back to Greek and Roman times, long before the use of herbs in medicine was codified by Culpepper in the 17th century. If you are interested in the medical properties of plants, visit the Physick Garden in Chelsea, London, which is open to visitors throughout the year.

An excellent collection of herbs and plants dating back to the time of the Roman invasion can be found at the Butser Ancient Farm on the A3 just south of Petersfield.

Here Rose and Peter Mason have laboured for the last 10 years to create a garden stocked with more than 160 species of herb and plants, all of them dating from the pre-Roman period, or definitely Roman introductions. The Masons sell plants at about 60p a pot, and have produced an excellent illustrated guide to all the varieties their ancient garden contains.

Those interested in the historical aspects of the English garden need look no further than the Museum of Garden History in the former Church of St Mary-at-Lambeth, just by Lambeth Palace.

This was opened in 1977 by the Tradescant Trust, a body named for the two John Tradescants, father and son, who were gardeners to Charles I.

A GROWING INTEREST

■ Addresses of places to visit: Royal Horticultural Society Gardens, Wisley, Woking, Surrey (tel: 0483-224234), which open daily, non-members £2.50 (Sundays, members only). The Urban Wildlife Group, 11 Albert Street, Birmingham B4 7UA (021-236 3636); Butser Ancient Farm, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Petersfield, Hampshire. Entrance fee £1, opening times and information on 0705-595040; Ilford Manor, seven miles SE of Bath (02216-3146). In London, the Camley Street Natural Park, King's Cross (01-278 6612), run by the London Wildlife Trust, is open daily. Other places to visit: the Museum of Garden History, St Mary-at-Lambeth, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1; the Chelsea Physic Garden, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London. (01-352 5646). Suppliers of wildflower seeds include Unwins Seeds, Histon, Cambridge (022023-2270)

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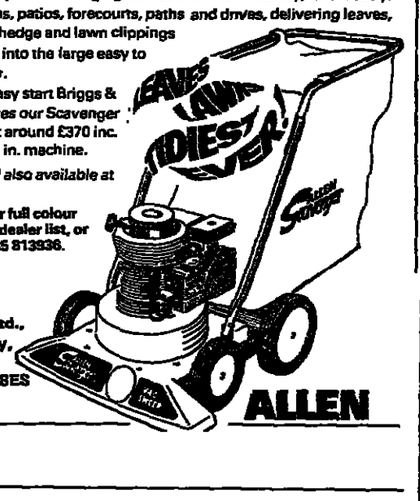
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GARDENS TO VISIT

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Gloucestershire: Westbury Court Garden, Westbury-on-Severn, 9m south-west of Gloucester on A48; formal water garden with canals, yew hedges, many old varieties of plum, pear and apple; admission £1.10; special facilities for disabled; Wed to Sun until end of Oct; 11am-6pm.

Gwent: Llanover, S of Abergavenny (NT); large water garden, some rare plants, autumn colour; admission 50p, child 20p; tomorrow, 2-6pm.

Leicestershire: 1700 Melton Road, Rearsby, north of Leicester on A607; in Rearsby on left side from Leicester; 1 acre; wide range of interesting plants; some shrubs and trees; plants for sale; admission 25p, child 10p; daily to Oct; 10am-5pm.

Perth & Kinross: Barclayhills, Guildtown, by Perth; 4m north of Perth on A93; turn off at signs 1m south of Guildtown; walled garden with herbaceous plants; bring and buy plant sale, herbaceous, rock and potted plants for sale; today, noon-6pm.

Roy Hay

WEEKEND TIPS

- Clean and disinfect plant pots, canes and seed trays before storing them.
- Plant spring bedding such as wallflowers.
- Take up outdoor geraniums without delay if you want to keep them for next year; cut back the foliage.
- Prepare to lift dahlias when frost has blackened the foliage, cut the stems down, clean the tubers, dry and store.
- Cut back the foliage of herbaceous plants for the border when planting, to reduce loss of water through the leaves.
- Sow October lettuce Winter Density, Windermere or Pascal in greenhouses which will not fall below 45°F/7°C.

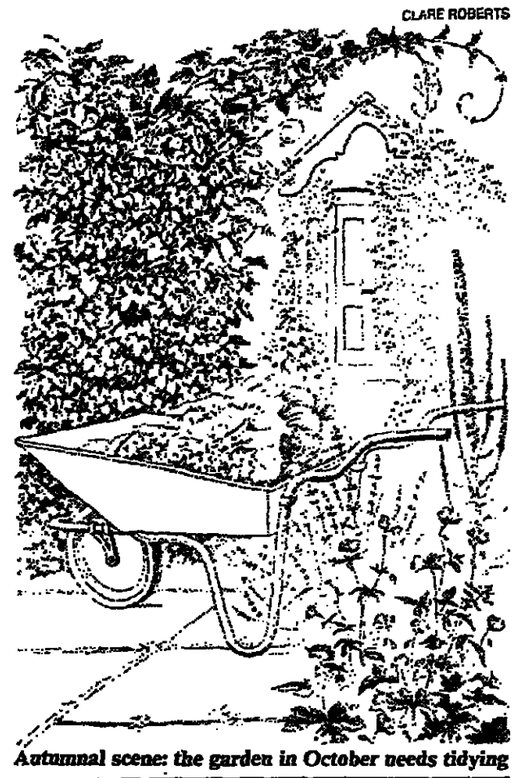
The Hebe CF Rafill mentioned last week is a hardy plant and the plant illustrated was *Salvia patens*.

Glyn Onione is the correct spelling of the specialist nurseryman who runs Dove Cottage Herbs at Penn House Estate, near Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP7 0PS.

Cool days and camomile lawns

Francesca Greenoak puts on a brave face for chores and puts aside her hoes

CLARE ROBERTS



Autumnal scene: the garden in October needs tidying

The onset of autumn always rekindles my interest in active gardening after the sluggish in-between days of late summer. This is the time to look at shape in the garden. At ground level vigorous plants such as *Geranium macrorrhizum* and ladies mantle, so welcome early in the year, have outgrown their welcome and are threatening the territory of their neighbours. Climbers are swinging about irresponsibly, and trees have put out unruly branches in unfortunate places.

It is astonishing how quickly you can put most things to rights, snipping back intrusive branches here and there, tying the climbers neatly to their supports, and generally re-tailoring the garden to accommodate this season's growth.

No two autumns are ever the same: a plant which has quickly filled its allotted space for two or three years may suddenly gain a new confidence and make a wonderful great clump. Brunners has delicate little sprays of forget-me-not flowers above light-green hairy leaves like cows' tongues and, after a year or so, when it has become comfortably established, you can depend upon it making a splendid light green mound of foliage until the frosts cut it.

Somewhat to my surprise, little *Euphorbia polychroma* has had a burst of growth this year. This is one of the prettiest of the euphorbias with early pink growth, brightening to gold and reddening in the autumn.

I do not regard making the beds ready for winter as a chore. The beds are still starred with flowers: late flowering scabious, salvias, and sidalceas – like dainty mallows. Plants such as campanulas and chrysanthemums, which are three or four years old, may need attention. In my experience, though, they are good for longer than most estimates, especially if grown in semi-shaded conditions.

When the centres become weak and straggly they should be carefully forked up and divided. If you want to propagate many small plants from the overgrown parent, it is usually better to put them individually into small pots and keep them in a frame or greenhouse until the warmth of next spring.

The camomile Traneague, which is the non-flowering form used to make lawns, is a sweet-scented mixed blessing. It grows patchily, inviting weeds of all kinds to nestle cunningly about its roots. At this time of year it appears to be trying to jump out of the soil on pale elongated stems.

A camomile lawn is, I believe, one of those luxuries which goes with a regiment of gardeners who can be employed to weed and coax it. In small areas, however, it is manageable and a great success.

Every tiny weed and grass rootlet must be picked out of a camomile bed now, after which it can be pressed back into the soil by firm treading. A mixture of good soil and sand sprinkled liberally over it, and another treading, will help to rebed the roots. A professional gardener told me this is also a good way to treat aubrietia (after first cutting off ragged top and sidegrowth), in order to get a close cushion for next year.

I might as well give my three hoes away for all the use I make of them. I am much too curious about what is coming up to scrape indiscriminately between the rows and among the established plants. The main reason for putting aside the hoe is, of course, the delicate business of preserving self-sown seedlings. The beautiful creamy verbascum, which was given to me by the eminent gardener *Bill Butler* six years ago and which, according to custom, I have given to a dozen or so gardeners since, sets copious seed; and there are tiny Jacob's ladders and primroses with minute leaves appearing in all kinds of odd places.

The attractively frilly Lollo lettuces are still going strong under a frame which I put over them as frost protection, and I have discovered that it is worth leaving the frame in place after we have eaten all the lettuce. It gives a sheltered place for seeds to germinate and, next year, I shall find seeds which would have perished in the blast of the winter but will be surging their way toward spring with the help of this shelter.

CHESS

Simple as ABC

It is clear from readers' correspondence that *The Times* daily Winning Move positions are drawing back many people to chess who have not played or followed the game for years. It is also clear that a large number of those taking a fresh interest in chess missed my initial explanation of the algebraic system of notation, and are, therefore, not fully conversant with it. This week, then, I propose to run over the basics of the system once more.

The World Chess Federation decreed algebraic as the only legal form of writing down the moves as long ago as 1980. Algebraic makes a chess game accessible to anyone who can read an A-Z street map. It is clear, unambiguous and concise. Black and White moves are sharply distinguished from each other, and since each square on the chess board has but one designation under the algebraic system, it is possible to avoid the heavy specification often required by the more unwieldly descriptive notation. Thus, in a position where White could play a Bishop from either QB1 or KB1 to KB4 or QB4 under the old method, then Bf4 or Bc4 simply replaced the cumbersome B-KB4 or B-QB4.

A further advantage of algebraic is that nearly all chess magazines, chess books and all computer chess programs now use it. To further assist readers with algebraic, this week's game, a drastic miniature from the powerful tournament at Tilburg, will be furnished with a diagram showing the A-Z style co-ordinates around the edge of the board. It is these co-ordinates which determine the description of any move.

White: John van der Wiel; Black: Jan Timman, Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defence, last round, Tilbury, September 1988.

1 e4	e5	2 Nf3	Nc6
3 Bb5	Nf6		
4 0-0	Nxe4	5 d4	Nd6
6 Bxc6	dxc6	7 dxe5	Ne4
8 Qe2			

Van der Wiel quite rightly avoids the exchange of Queens, estimating that his chances lie in a middlegame attack.

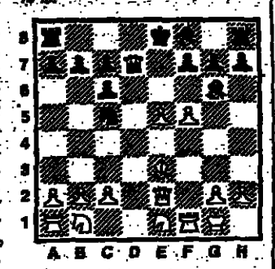
8 ... f6? 9 Be3 f5?
10 Nd1

An important link in White's plan of attack. The Knight retreats temporarily in order to facilitate the rapid advance of the White "P" pawn, as a battering ram.

10 ... Qd6
11 f3 Nc5 12 f4 Qd7

The Queen withdraws in order to prevent White's threatened advance f5, but Timman has overlooked or underestimated, a sharp tactical device at his opponent's disposal. By this stage, however, it was already difficult to percieve an adequate defence for Black.

13 f5!



A horrible shock for Timman. White plays exactly the move which Black's previous play had been designed to hold up. Black has no choice now but to accept the offered pawn.

13 ... Bxf5 14 Qf2

This is the point. By tempting Black's Bishop on to the f5 square, van der Wiel has set up a deadly fork, or double attack, against the Black Bishop on f5 and the ill-fated Knight on c5.

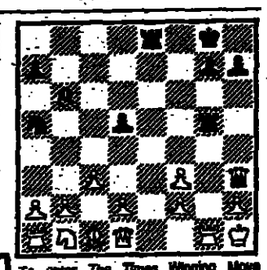
14 ... Bg4 15 Bxc6 Bxc6
16 Qxc5 Ba2 17 Rf2 Qd1
18 Qc3 1-0

Black resigned, since he is a piece down, with his Queen and Bishop on d1 and c2 curiously trapped in the White camp.

Raymond Keene

WINNING MOVE

In the diagram Black, to move, has a knockout blow. What is Black's winning move?



Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Bh7 (if 1 ... Qxg2 then 2 Bh8 checkmate).

To enter The Times Winning Move competition, send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: The Times Winning Move Competition, The Times, 1, Virginia Street, London E1 9DN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Times wallet-sized personal chess computer. The winners' names together with the winning move will be printed in The Times next Saturday.

Last Saturday's competition was a position from Samisch-Schierlercker, Mainz 1953. Black wins with 1 Rdg8+ (after 2 Kf1 Rg1+ 3 Kxd1 Qg8+ 4 Kf1 Qxf4+ checkmates).

The three winners of *The Times* personal chess computers are R.C. Picot, Wimbledon, London; Jeremy Matheson, Christ's College, Cambridge; and Dr B. Burrows, Sear Green, Beaconsfield, Bucks.

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From Bullen to Boleyn: home of the tragic queen's family, Hever still has its moat, and the enchanting gardens

Queen of the castles

Magic from America, mayhem for Anne Boleyn – Nigel Andrew visits Hever

There was a time when one of the little perks of working for *The Times* was the staff outing to Hever. At the castle you can still see commemorative photographs of the immaculately turned-out *Times* workforce posed *en masse* in the grounds. This was of course in the days when the Astors of Hever owned the paper, and their remarkable Kent house was not then open to the public.

Today Hever Castle is open – and owned not by the Astors, but by a property company which bought it in 1983. It has everything: a perfect setting, astonishing gardens, a beautiful exterior and a sumptuous interior, and above all its romantic and tragic associations. Hever was the home of Anne Boleyn.

The name was Bullen originally, but she upgraded it. It was her father, Sir Thomas, who steered the family into the mainstream of history, with such terrible results. Anne, almost certainly born at Hever, was pushed forward from a very early age, at the English and French courts. When Henry VIII's eye finally alighted on her, he had already used Sir Thomas's wife and Anne's sister as his mistress. With Anne it was to be marriage – and the rest is indeed history.

Anne's childhood room in the castle has her inscribed Book of Hours ("Remember me when you do pray/that hope doth lead from day to day/Anne Boleyn"), and probably the best likeness of her, very different from the soupy "after Holbein" displayed in the hall. There is also a Henry VIII Room, one of the few with genuine old panelling, and an Anne of Cleves Room, to whom, with characteristic delicacy, Henry gave Hever.

From the outside, the castle, in its rectangular moat, looks almost exactly as it must have done in the Bullens' day; but its appearance is very largely the result of inspired restoration work by the architect F.L. Pearson, working in the early years of this century for William Waldorf Astor. Working with Pearson and the best craftsmen available, he not only restored the near-derelict castle, but also created a complete "Tudor village", attached to the house, to accommodate guest rooms and offices.

This brilliant idea was superbly executed. The huddle of infinitely varied roofs and chimneys in the lee of the castle does look like a true, organic village. Unfortunately, it is not open to the public, as it is now used as a conference centre.

Many of the Astor treasures have gone; but much remains, including some fine tapestries, a headpiece worked by Anne Boleyn, and the layette reputedly made by Elizabeth for her sister Mary during her "phantom pregnancy". The attitude to conservation seems alarmingly laid-back, with fluorescent lights shining directly on to old tapestries, and in one room a table lamp almost scorching a Holbein drawing.

Lighting, indeed, seems to be a major preoccupation at Hever. There are intrusive floodlights positioned all round the moat – and, incidentally, someone should be beheaded for planting the modern herbaceous border under the west wall. However, the rest of the gardens retain their Astor magic. There is the thoroughly baffling maze, the rose garden and, best of all, the Italian garden, with its breath-taking Roman and later antiquities – busts, columns, statues, wellheads and urns.

Hever Castle, near Edenbridge, Kent (0732 865224) is open until November 6, daily, noon-6pm (gardens open at 11am, last admission 5pm). Admission £3.40, child £1.70.

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Judy Froshaug

BRIDGE

Venetian class

Play in both the Ladies and Open series of the 8th World Teams Olympiad begins in Venice tomorrow. In the Open series the entry has been divided into two sections of supposedly equal strength. After a round robin, the four leading teams in each section will qualify for the head-to-head matches in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.

Who will win? In a field of 58 teams, the candidates for the Gold medal can safely be narrowed down to the following: USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, Austria, France, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Poland, Italy and Great Britain. But, either because they have been beset by selection problems in 1988 or because they just lack the overall strength at this level of competition, I would eliminate Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Taiwan, France and Holland.

The Americans are automatic favourites, although ironically their men have never won the Olympiad. The team is a combination of five professionals with Seymon Deutsch, a talented amateur. Under the existing rules, Deutsch must play a minimum number of boards to qualify as a World Champion. This slight handicap will probably be insufficient to stop the Americans notching their first success.

If the British team can reproduce the form we showed in Jamaica, we must have a chance. Although few would include China on their short list, they were impressive winners of the Hong Kong Inter City Tournament. Conceivably a lack of experience might prove their undoing this time, but they would still be my each-way selection.

Dung Duong, although of Chinese extraction, lives in Switzerland. He was East on this deal, first noted by Jean Paul Meyer.

Game All. Teams. Dealer South

	♠ 109 ♡ 43 ◇ AJ874 ♣ AQ54	
♠ 843 ♡ Q1076 ◇ 952 ♣ 1096	N W E S	♠ A2 ♡ 952 ◇ Q1063 ♣ KJ87
	♠ KQJ765 ♡ AKJ8 ◇ K ♣ 32	

North-South sailed into six spades, and West led the ◇2. Declarer won in hand, released the AK of hearts, and ruffed a heart in dummy. Now he cashed the ♠A and then the ◇A, discarding a club, and came back to his hand with a club ruff. That left this six card ending:

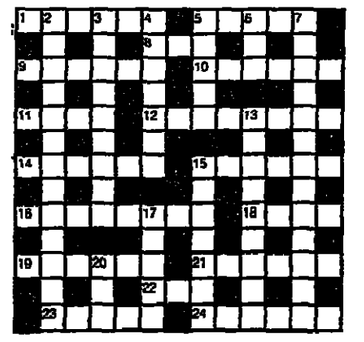
	♠ 10 ♡ — ◇ J87 ♣ Q5	
♠ 843 ♡ Q ◇ 9 ♣ 10	N W E S	♠ A2 ♡ 10 ◇ Q 10 ♣ KJ
	♠ KQJ76 ♡ J ◇ — ♣ —	

When declarer ruffs his last heart in dummy, East has a problem. The only hope for the defence is a trump promotion. The snag is that whichever minor East elects to discard, South will use that suit to ruff himself back to hand. When East obtains the lead with the ♠A, he will have no plain card to effect the promotion. Duong found a brilliant counter: he *underruffed*. True, declarer can still succeed if after returning to hand he plays a low spade. But that is the stuff of fairy tales.

Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1688

Prizes of the 1988 Collins Concise Dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, October 13. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, October 15.



ACROSS
1 Prince of demons (6)
5 Auctions (5)
8 Metal-bearing rock (3)
9 Overseas (6)
10 Jumble (6)
11 Portuguese singing (4)
12 Recognise (8)
14 Upsetting (6)
15 Put (6)
16 Abstruse (8)
18 Nervous, irritable (4)
19 Preference (6)
21 E. Indies sailor (6)
22 Honey insect (3)
23 Rainwater channel (5)
24 Strike out (6)

DOWN
2 Striped pedestrian path (5,8)
3 Animal studier (9)
4 Temporary residence (7)
5 Worsted fabric (5)
6 Stage (3)
7 Army 3 stripes, crown (5,8)
13 Mountain face crossing (9)
15 Preserved in vinegar (7)
17 Thomas Arnold school (5)
20 Unwell (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1687
ACROSS: 1 Cradle 4 Prefab 9 Rorqual 10 Waltz 11 Hope 12 Beholden 14 Lassie 15 Delphi 18 Squeegee 20 Cram 22 Amass 23 Remount 25 Dreads 26 Static
DOWN: 1 Car 2 Apropos 3 Lout 5 Rawboned 6 Filed 7 Byzantium 8 Sleek 11 Hall stand 13 Licensed 16 Parquet 17 Weary 19 Ukase 21 Emit 24 Tie

The winners of prize concise No 1682 are Frank Cooper, Gosforth Close, Dronfield, Sheffield; and Mrs L.M. Philpott, Church Hill, Sheperdswell, Dover.

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ACROSS: 1 Spiral 5 Strut 8 Elk 9 Beacon 10 Inbred 11 Less 12 Eulogise 14 Addict 15 Pliers 16 Chenille 18 Lots 19 Monaco 21 Nimrod 22 Psi 23 Holly 24 Gutter
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The message is clear to all visitors: Nobody is told an activity is impossible at the Kielder Adventure Centre

'No barriers to achievement'

Jim Wainwright
Warden, Kielder Adventure Centre

Imagine someone in a wheelchair abseiling up a perpendicular mountain slope — impossible! But there are people now who can make this happen. What is more, the disabled athletes themselves enjoy it and are inspired to try even more ambitious adventures.

"Two years ago I hadn't the confidence to propel myself down the garden path," said Jake, seizing a paddle form the bow of his canoe. "Now I can cross this lake in as fast a time as one of those sea scouts..." A group of yellow lifejackets from the Hawkhirst Sea Scout camp sweep by with a wave to the handicapped youngsters disembarking from the jetty into their specially adapted canoes.

There is room at Kielder Water for everyone, whether they are able-bodied or seriously disabled. This year the dream of members of the Calvert Trust has come true and a new £250,000 riding school and sports centre has been opened to add to the facilites already offered by the residential hotel for the disabled in this north Tyne valley.

The vision of those pioneers responsible for making it all happen at the Kielder Adventure Centre has opened the door to a new world for thousands of handicapped people. "At Kielder there are no barriers to achievement," said Jim Wainwright, the warden. He was himself trained at an Outward Bound school. "This hotel is designed to make things as easy as possible for disabled visitors. We never tell anyone that an activity they want to try is impossible."

The opportunity to come to Kielder Water and to take part in sports has provided challenges which few handicapped people can have expected to face — much less overcome. But there are no half measures where safety is concerned. Before they are allowed out on the lake in a dinghy or a canoe, everyone learns how to capsize in the indoor pool in the residential centre.

The activities offered on the water and the freedom to explore the largest man-made lake in Europe do seem to be the dominant attraction. It is this dimension more than any other that many vistors have found to be the turning point in their lives.

Horse riding and driving, archery, orientering, rock climbing, bird watching and nature trailing are all popular pastimes, but messing about with boats appeals to the spirit of the handicapped as such as it does to the able-bodied.

"If you have been known as a disabled person all your life, it is marvellous to be beginning to be known as a sailor," said John, who is a paraplegic, almost totally confined to a wheelchair.

Riding is now recognized as therapeutic for the handicapped and soon after the Kielder Adventure Centre opened it became apparent that if equestrianism could carry on into the winter months, the sport could play a substantial part in extending the holidy season. Riding and driving are popular sports, although Jim remarked that watching someone with spina bifida driving a large horse is not exactly therapeutic.

The indoor school has been designed so that riders can get involved at every level. Pascal Salkind, the international riding instructor, was consulted and, remembering his own early experiences in the Ardennes, he suggested that at Kielder it would be sensible to link stable provision to the indoor riding school by a covered yard.

This would do much to combat the elements — the north Tyne valley is notorious for its high rainfall and its midges. Visitors can drive into the yard, disembark under canvas, have a riding or driving lesson and then leave without having the pleasant experience washed away.

The school is British Horse Society standard, 20 by 40 metres riding manège with wide access doors from the covered yard. It is large enough for both indoor cricket and football. The gallery is wide enough for wheelchairs to pass easily and can accommodate a group receiving instruction.

The terrain around Low Cranecleugh where the Kielder Adventure Centre has been built is perfect for orienteering. Courses range from 15 minutes to several hours to complete and are of varying severity. Many visitors exceed expectations and complete their course in below average time.

Jenny and her husband Michael were learning archery when I visited the Centre. "I could never have believed this could happen to us," said Michael, a spina bifida sufferer who has always found it hard to come to terms with his able-bodied wife lowering her athletic standards to compete with him. "Here, we can take part in sport on equal terms. In fact, when it comes to bows and arrows I have the edge..."

Here there are no barriers to achievement. The philosophy at Kielder is that any activity can be pursued by the disabled using minimum adaptaion. Of course there are concessions and equipment has been designed to make things manageable. Thwarts come out in sailing craft; tillers and paddles can always be adapted.

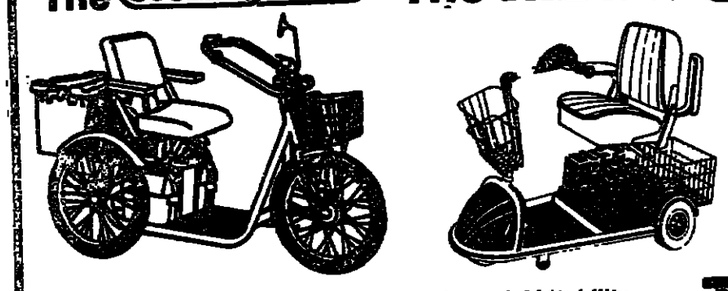
The instructors treat everyone as equals, making no distinction between young and old, able or disabled, whether physical mental or sensory.

"We have been frankly amazed by the courage and agility of some of our most disadvantaged visitors," said Jim. To a handicapped person, possibly accustomed since infancy to having to be helped with everything he wished to do, the independence which getting involved in sport and adventure at the Kielder Adventure centre offers is the real bonus.

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Stewart Tendler continues his search for the elusive trout

A tough tackle to seduce the giants from the deep



Far out in the centre of the lake an angler stood slightly hunched, struggling in his boat, his rod bent far over as a large rainbow trout dived and strained at the line in the evening sunshine. When the fish turned, the boat gently rocked as the angler swayed precariously: a net hung over the side ready to take the fish as soon as it weakened.

No sound reached the bank apart from an occasional word between the angler and his son waiting by the net. Small fish splash and scurry close to the surface so that the fight is often marked by a series of noisy battles fought across the top of the water.

Fishing for big fish can be a silent war. The great brutes go down as deep as they can, back to the darkness where they have spent the summer.

The boat had turned completely round to follow the fish now close to the side of the boat in the evening ripple. Would the fish make a final run under the boat ? No. The net went down, a pause and up came the struggling fish, bowed in the bottom of the dripping mesh.

The golden days of summer when a trout angler can confidently aspire to a full bag maybe are gone but autumn offers other attractions with the promise of big hungry fish rising from the depths when the days start to lose their brightness and heat.

And big is rapidly becoming beautiful. Brown and rainbow trout weighing up to 20lbs are now said to be lurking in stillwaters round the country. Several specialize only in such leviathans, or their slightly smaller brothers, with admonitions to the eager angler to come properly prepared with tough tackle. Novices are not allowed.

In the next few years the record book entries are likely to change and change again as a new breed of trout specimen hunters successfully stalks their prey. The time of great record breaking salmon is over — the current British record was set in 1922 at 64lbs — while an era of giant trout aided by breeding technology is starting.

As the man in the boat rowed to the edge of the ripple with his catch, a mere 5lbs plus, beneath his feet I wondered what he would do with it. What can you do with a really large fish apart from get it stuffed? Will it be trout steaks for eternity or a nightly chorus of: "Aw, Mum. Not trout au beurre again."

And come to think of it why should these vast creatures suddenly be seduced by a passing imitation fly after living for years gorging themselves on the real thing and ignoring all manner of human blandishments? But fall they do.

Along the bank another angler was trying to keep his balance at the edge of the water and an eye on his tight line as a second large fish fell to an imitation fly. The fish suddenly surged in the weed-infested shallows, catching the angler at a disadvantage for a second until the man got the upper hand again hanling in the slack released by the rush of power.

Mottled brown sedges danced over the water yet the fish were not feeding in any decipherable pattern. My immediate neighbour had landed his third catch of the day, including a solid four and a half pound ben trout, on flashy orange flies meant to tempt an aggresive response not offer a tasty morsel.

The day before, he said, the successful colour for attracting fish was red. Neither worked for me. Deciding to be perverse I tied on a leaded white fly.

One fish had been rising on and off for 20 minutes by a buoy someway out. The ripples had hardly started to spread out as the fly touched water before the line staightened alarmingly with a lunge from beneath the surface. The fish had been rising again when the fly landed above it

There was no splash or leap. There was no attempt to shake off the hook. The rod bent over in a huge reversed U, putting tremendous pressure on my forearm. The trout was using its weight and muscle to challenge the line.

Small or out of condition fish can often be hauled and pulled on to the bank with little effort. Any attempt with this trout to do more than keep the line tight was met with unresisting opposition. It was like trying to move a lead weight with a piece of cotton. Too much pressure and the thin nylon line fixing the fly to the thicker PVC casting line would snap.

Most stillwater trout anglers use stiff rods measuring nine and a half feet, capable of throwing lines far out to cover wide waters and subdue heavy fish. I prefer a lighter smaller rod which is less tiring. After ten minutes of playing the fish I had grave reservations about that policy.

Out on the boat the veteran of the earlier battle and his son watched with critical interest. I was now kneeling on one knee on the bank with the muscles of my forearm clenched tight and aching. The fish was still below the surface leaving me no way of gauging his size.

Perhaps the lightness of the rod was deceiving me into thinking the fish was bigger than it really was. The fish was getting closer to the edge, giving water grudgingly. Near to the surface now the fish was clearly large and powerful, leaving deep swirls in the water with its tail.

Out went the net. It missed and now the fish panicked, using its powerful shoulders trying for a run parallel to the bank. The top of the body was deep iron-grey but as it turned the line of iridescent scales along its body gleamed pinkish-red and blue.

With the sun low over trees the line was almost impossible to see. The fish came back towards the waiting net. The net moved under the fish and then I was holding thin air. The tension suddenly evaporated from the line.

Perhaps the line had rubbed against the net and snapped or the power of the fish had finally proved too much for the line which only had a breaking strain of 4lbs. The line now ended with in a curl of nylon just above where the fly had been tied on.

In the growing gloom the lake's surface was broken by a huge swirl. Then another. The boat turned towards the landing stage.

'It was like trying to move lead weight with a piece of cotton'

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NICK ROGERS



A happy gatherer: David Beazley from Partners Restaurant, Oakhampton, Devon with a generous basket full of 14 different varieties of wild mushroom collected that morning

On the surprise scent of a gratuitous mushroom

Edible mushrooms are regularly found in the most unexpected of places. Robin Young looks at some of this season's unusual but appetizing discoveries

It is common knowledge that journalists subsist on free lunches, but there is something different about the gratuitous feasts I look for at this time of year. They come from unlikely places: not, for example, from the dining rooms of Michelin-starred restaurants in France but from their front lawns. I have also, if I may say so, had some pretty good pick ups along Park Lane and around Marble Arch. It is, you see, the mushroom season.

In truth wild mushrooms are never out of season – there are even some that can be picked from under snow – but autumn is the season of peak productivity for a wide variety of edible species.

In France, pharmacies display identification charts, and in many cases open on Sundays so that the pharmacist can check people's collections and take out any poisonous specimens. In Stockholm, the public parks department runs a similar service.

But in Britain everything that cannot be immediately recognized as something that you might pick off the shelf at Sainsbury (and that is, in fact, an inferior sort of mushroom that you would never find in a field) is liable to be regarded as a terrifying toadstool or frightful foreign fungus and either shunned or, much worse, kicked over and stamped on.

It is a sad case of "No ceps please, we're British". Cep, or penny bun, (*Boletus edulis*) is one of the most special and delicious of wild mushrooms. It does look like a brown-topped bun and grows under oak and beech trees. We used to gather them by the basketful in Epping Forest. I must admit, though, that we rather lost our appetite the day we went to our favourite collection spot and found it ribboned off by the police, who had just exhumed a murder victim there.

Even more abundant and easily located in woodlands, and certainly flourishing on dead trees rather than humans, are oyster mushrooms (*pleurottes* in French). They are now also a commercial crop, a gourmet delicacy much favoured in French restaurants.

There is no need to pay for them because the ones from the wild are better, easily found and unmistakeable, and they continue to appear even after the frosts and into the depths of winter. Though a favourite ingredient in *nouvelle cuisine*, and excellent creamed on toast or in *vol-au-vents*, they are also delicious fried to a crisp.

Some restaurateurs are already wise to the magic of wild mushrooms. In London, Antonio Carluccio of the Neal Street Restaurant, Covent Garden, employs a full-time mushroom-gatherer, Gennaro Contaldo, and Jana Carlisle at Hamish's in Camden Town uses her weekend pickings in soups and sauces. David Beazley of Partners in Okehampton, Devon, picks enough not only to flavour his own dishes but to supply neighbouring restaurants too.

Anything is possible. I know a lady who this summer unearthed a truffle (*Tuber aestivum*) from her garden in suburban Surrey. British truffles kept professional hunters gainfully occupied for 250 years, and the main season for sniffing them out is in beechwoods from October to February.

Giant puff-balls (*Lycoperdon giganteum*) flourish into November in nettlebeds and open grassland. They can weigh up to 20lb or more and it is customary to say that they are delicious sliced and fried. To me they taste like fried cotton wool, and it would be a voracious family that got through a whole one.

Another heavy cropping variety which I have eaten lots of will certainly not suit everybody. *Agaricus xanthodermus* looks much like the horse-mushroom but stains bright yellow when bruised or cut; hence its name of yellow-stainer. It smells of phenol or Quink. I eat it with impunity and enjoyment, but about one person in 10 is allergic to it, and it can land some unfortunates in a coma.

Blewits (Tricholoma saevum) and wood blewits (Tricholoma nudum), like oyster mushrooms, continue to appear late in the year. It is wood blewits that I gather in Hyde Park in October and November, a few paces off Park Lane. They are a very good mushroom, and a lovely soft lilac colour (despite which they will do no one any harm).

More familiar, probably, are lawyers' wigs (Coprinus comatus), which spring up in stubble fields and on mown grass verges from April to November. They are good to eat until they deliquesce from the edges into thick black ink.

An even more improbable delicacy from June to November is the phallic stinkhorn (*Phallus impudicus*), which when fully engorged collects dead bluebottles, flies and ladybirds round its reeking, slimy head.

Some mycological gourmets (Germans mostly) claim to enjoy infant stinkhorns while they are still in the form of the soft-shelled basal eggs from which the later indecency sprouts. Be warned though – even the contents of the "eggs" are smelly and gelatinous.

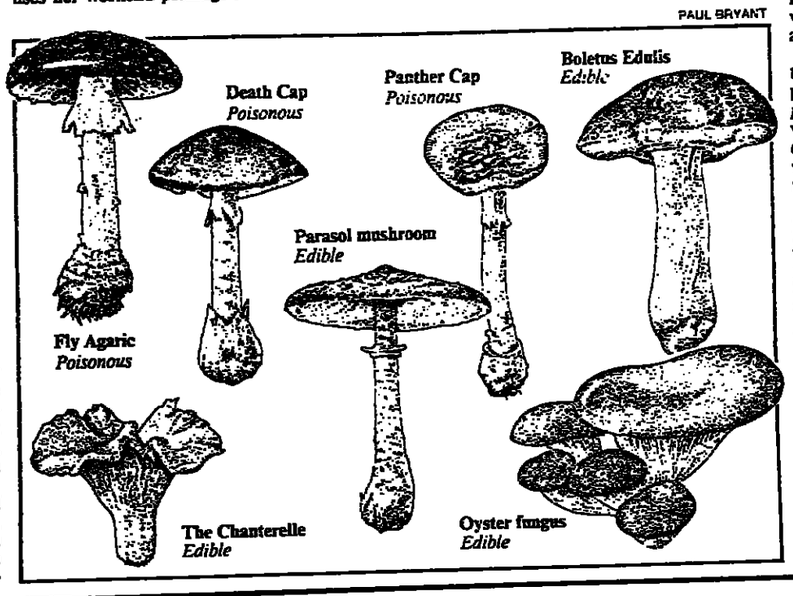
There are, of course, a few varieties that must be avoided at all costs. Probably no one would eat the fairy tale toadstool, fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*), with its brilliant scarlet cap spotted with white. If they did it could cause violent pains, raging delirium, and epileptic-type fits.

The subtle differences between the similarly toxic panthercap (*Amanita pantherina*, olive cap studded with white) and its supposedly edible relatives is frankly not worth learning; better to avoid the lot.

Most poisonous of all is the pallid Death Cap (*Amanita phalloides*) with its distinctive baglike volva enclosing the bulbous base of the stem. A French doctor who claimed to have found the antidote to its protoplasmic toxins did survive eating two and a half ounces of them, but he lost 9lb in weight from vomiting and diarrhoea, turned yellow, became incoherent and had large clots form in his blood.

All in all, it is best not to venture into the wild mushroom field without a good guidebook, such as *Mushrooms and Other Fungi*, by Roger Phillips (Pan, £7.95).

PAUL BRYANT



John Llewellyn discovers a liberating freedom in windsurfing

An irresistible challenge to cast your skills to the wind

After years of humping the sailing dinghy about and sorting out the tangle of sheets, shackles and pulleys before we could enjoy an afternoon's sport, the simplicity of windsurfing proved irresistible.

A new freedom to hunt wind and water beckoned as I and my son Dafydd, aged 12, enrolled at the Queen Mary Reservoir, near Staines, for a Level One course under the Royal Yachting Association's national windsurfing scheme.

If we completed it successfully the log books provided would be stamped to show that we had mastered the basic skills and we would have no difficulty hiring boards to go off on our own.

The course was divided into two four-hour sessions over two days and we began with a session on the simulator – a board mounted on a pivot which enabled us to feel on dry land how a sailboard reacts to the blundering movements of the beginner.

Steering is achieved by moving the sail forward to head the board off the wind and backwards to bring it into the wind. Simple in principle, not so easy in practice as you need to be aware all the time where the wind is coming from, and wind is not always constant in direction and strength.

The great virtue of the RYA system is that it breaks down the fluid movements of the experienced windsurfer into a simple drill. At the centre of this drill is the "secure position" where you stand forming a "v" with the vertical mast, grasping it firmly in two hands with your back to the wind. Here you are in a state of maximum stability where you can stop and think about what do to next.

Part A of the course also covered rigging the sail, sailing across the wind and self-rescue, in which you roll up the sail, stow it along the board and paddle, in a prone position, back to the shore.

Theory explained and practised on a dry run, our group of five changed into wet suits and buoyancy aids provided by the school for the testing time on the reservoir.

There is the exhausting cycle of falling off, going under, grabbing the board which is being blown away from you, pulling yourself up on to the board, pulling up the mast, falling off...Then suddenly you are skimming along the water feeling the strength of the wind on your arms and ripple of water through the soles of your feet.



Compulsive simplicity: "Feeling the strength of the wind on your arms and ripple of water through the soles of your feet."

With your right hand you push the boom out as if opening a door, and as you catch more wind the board accelerates beneath you. You are in what the instructor calls the "smile" position. "Well done!" he calls from the boat, and you fall off once again.

We were reasonably optimistic after this first attempt. Dafydd was cock-a-hoop at having fallen off fewer times than his dad and had to be reminded that while sailing the same size board he had a smaller sail, less weight and lower centre of gravity.

We were less sure about our readiness to tackle part B of the course booked for the following day. That dealt with sailing up wind, gybing and sailing down wind.

Fate intervened however. The course was cancelled because the wind was too strong. The next available date was after our holiday in the Canaries.

We decided to take advantage of this by embarking on a Spanish sailboarding course, which we thought would provide us with a flying start to part B. The Spanish course was divided into seven two-hour sessions on the local beach.

Unfortunately the instructor, as well as teaching more than one course at different levels simultaneously, was also responsible for hiring out pedalos.

The instructor made no mention of self-rescue or the "secure position" – in fact we were told never to hold the mast. The two-hour sessions tried our concentration and stamina – 45 minutes would have been ideal.

I managed a morale boosting sail along the shore at a rapid rate of knots, but when I tried to return got blown further and further out and had to wait for what seemed like ages for rescue. I learnt the hard way that paddling with your hands makes little headway against wind and current.

After the Atlantic, Queen Mary Reservoir would be a doddle, we thought. This was not the case. A steady wind directly onto the shore kept blowing us back as we tried to get the sails up and jetties trapped us before we could make enough headway to escape.

We spent a large proportion of our time waiting to be towed out by the instructor. We did not succeed in beating up to the wind as this part of the course requires and we failed the course.

We were re-booked to retake part B a fortnight later, when a light but steady wind across the water provided ideal conditions. I set my sights on a point on the bank up wind and after tacking a few times and falling in a couple of times I reached it. The instructor waved from the boat, I had passed my basic test. By the end of the session so had Dafydd.

- **Information:** Queen Mary Sailsports, Ashford Road, Ashford, Middlesex.
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All change at Clapham

Yvonne Thomas describes how a couple transformed the end of a terrace



Welcome to the kitchen: Jane Furnival and her pine decor

Jane Furnival and her husband Andy Tribble transformed the triangular-shaped house they took on in *Clapham, south London,* when they left their houseboat in Ivy Castle Yard, Eel Pie Island. The boat had been good training for the house. Both have small corners that can be used with ingenuity.

Lyham Road was built about 140 years ago, and the three-bedroom house was wedged at the end of it, giving a double-window frontage, narrowing at the rear to a finger-strip garden.

When Jane and Andy bought it three and a half years ago, it cost £52,000. They recently sold it for £138,500 and had buyers scrambling.

On moving in they spent £7,000 on structural work. "invisible" money on a leaky roof, some pointing and a damp course.

Redecorating exercised the ingenuity of Jane, who was *creative director of an advertising agency till leaving to* have her baby, William.

The sitting room and dining room had been knocked together through an arch, but as the house gets narrow at the rear the dining area is thinner. There is a hatch through to a narrow kitchen.

The first thing Jane did was to have a mural of a conservatory painted at the dining end. It is not a *trompe-l'oeil* but it adds a feeling of space. The walls were Jay-cloth-rolled in pale green and dusky *old rose, exactly matching the* striped curtains and inherited green carpet. Pink predominates at the sitting room end, and green at the dining end.

The fireplace surround was made of old floorboards, and Andy found a metal fireplace of the 1840s, the correct period. With difficulty they had a joiner to put in bookshelves by the chimney breast, first cladding the walls behind with old pine.

The hallway outside and up the stairs is painted in a shade reminiscent of Reckitts blue, near ultramarine.

"We saw the blue in a television programme," Jane said. "We froze the picture and guessed what had gone into the colour. The decorator made it up, and it was right."

The colour was smudged on *with a rag over the uneven old* horsehair plaster. A builder horrified Jane by wanting to replace the plaster with new, for a few hundred pounds.

The lower half of the corridor walls is pine-clad. This was stripped of old dark brown paint, so that the original golden colour was restored, and where necessary replacement bits were bought from an architectural salvage yard. To link the pine and blue wall, there is a narrow floral stencil border in gold-brown.

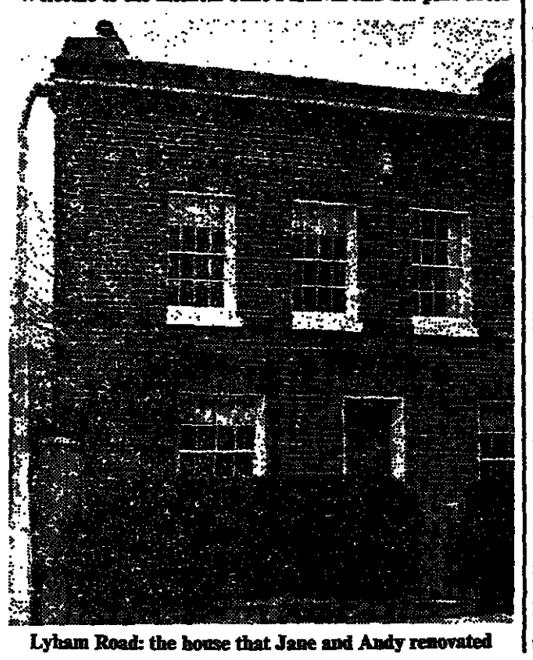
The small triangular room opposite the sitting room has a corner partitioned off to take a lavatory and a wash basin. The original idea was to make *the room self-contained for an* au pair, but it is now a study.

A clever idea to give extra light on the stairs was to replace some of the roof slates with reinforced glass tiles. With a skylight added, the *daylight comes through.*

The small bathroom has a round basin decorated with *blue fish bought from a Cam*bridge pottery for £80 and serpentine-shaped taps flown in from France. A wall cupboard was originally a cigar *store. It is stamped: "Specially* manufactured in Havana for *the Embassy Club."*

The bath is panelled with the same old pine as the lower *wall-cladding. Mixer taps are* in the wall at the side. "It took some time to find a bath without holes for taps," Jane said. "This one was made in *Germany." Jane and Tony are* moving to a modern house. Jane says it is a fresh challenge, away from the stripped pine and festoon blinds scene.

Already Jane says she wants a transparent double-skinned bath, perhaps ex-Jacuzzi display, and intends to stuff the sides with shells and seaweed *and other things from the* seashore.



Lyham Road: the house that Jane and Andy renovated

Speaking up for the character of suburbia

A professional woman with a house in a small row in suburban north-west London went to see her MP. In some distress she told him that a builder had approached her and her neighbours in the row wanting to buy their houses and replace them with blocks of flats.

She was refusing to sell, while her neighbours welcomed the offer – and the price of £200,000 for houses that were valued at £140,000.

It was all too embarrassing and worrying.

Her MP, Hugh Dykes, has recently seen this sequence of events more and more often in his own constituency of Harrow East and in other similar areas of the South-East.

He is now worried that the trend is resulting in suburban overcrowding and that existing legislation cannot curb it.

His solution has been to draft a Bill intended to guard against suburban congestion and to protect individual householders.

His targets are the developers who buy houses at figures above the market value, demolish them and replace them with blocks of expensive flats, or buy parts of *rear gardens for housing – and* again use the land for flats.

Mr Dykes says that Stanmore, a smart part of Harrow borough, has been ruined by developers, and he fears that another fashionable area, Pinner, will lose its village character in exactly the same way.

"It is becoming a rampant practice, particularly in Harrow," he says. "Developers are taking advantage of hapless residents by offering them high prices. It really is a menace.

"The flats usually sell at £200,000 each or more, so the idea that these people are helping first-time buyers is quite wrong."

Mr Dykes maintains that the developers ignore inner London areas, which need renewal, and concentrate instead on suburbia, where the profits are greater.

The builders' allies appear to be banks, which regard housing as a good investment, and the government policy of encouraging the construction of 570,000 new homes in the South-East during the next 10 years, to a large extent on urban, non-Green Belt land.

Under Mr Dykes's Bill developers would need planning permission to demolish any property, not just buildings that are in conservation areas or are listed, and the planners would have to consider neighbouring householders' interests when deciding whether to pass building applications.

"It is important that the community has a say," Mr Dykes insists. He hopes this part of the Bill would stop pressure on house-owners who refuse to sell.

Earlier this year Mr Dykes submitted a similar Bill that failed through lack of parliamentary time.

He hopes his new one will be successful in the House of Commons ballot. If it fails here he will submit it under the ten-minute rule or present it as an ordinary Bill, though both these methods do little more than publicize issues in which MPs are interested.

> 'It is becoming a rampant practice. It really is a menace'

In spite of his fears over the increasing clamour for more suburban land, Mr Dykes believes "decent developers and estate agents" deplore the recent trend as strongly as he does, and he thinks ministry inspectors who conduct public inquiries into schemes that are disputed are beginning to appreciate a "groundswell of opinion" against the practice.

The builders' and estate agents' organizations, however, believe the blame lies with the planners and planning laws, not with their members.

Roger Humber, director of the House-Builders Federation, says developers are being pushed into urban areas because Tory MPs in the shires have led the Government to discourage building in their constituencies.



Hugh Dykes: a new Bill

"We would rather see the proper provision of greenfield land," he said. "On those sites you can give more space and prices are lower."

Mr Humber said builders were not ignoring inner urban areas but were being kept out of them by shortage of land and by a resistance from some local councils to private development, which the Government had done nothing to break down.

He also believed most developers would not put up buildings that would reduce the appeal of a locality as *this* would also cut the prices their property could command.

Trevor Kent, of the National Association of Estate Agents, said Mr Dykes should criticize the local planners who interpret the Town and Country *Planning Acts and the* Environment Department guidelines, not the builders and estate agents. "He should take issue with the Government," he said.

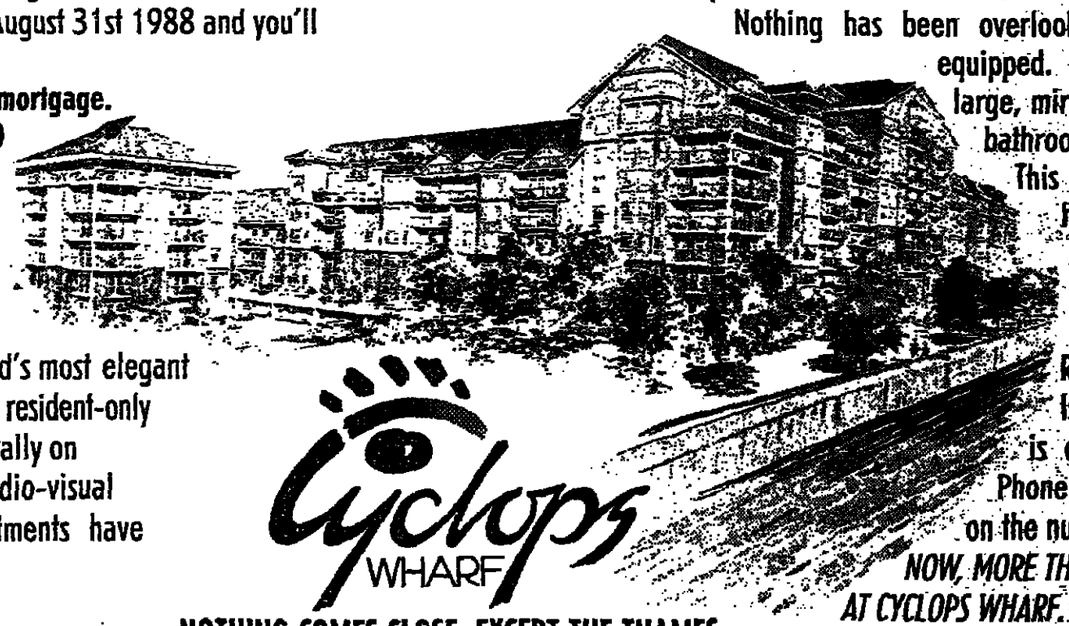
Mr Kent, however, was sympathetic to the clause in Mr Dykes's Bill requiring planning permission for demolition. He said local council planners should consider a developer's proposals for replacement housing before an existing property was pulled *down.*

"It is a lot easier to get planning permission on a vacant site," he pointed out.

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A toast to the B & B brigade

Taking in guests can be rewarding in more ways than one – but watch the coat hangers, warns William Greaves



MARJORIE AITKEN lives on a working seven-acre farm near Thame in Oxfordshire. The farmhouse was built around 1500 and when the Aitkens renovated it Elizabethan coins fell out of the ceiling timbers. There are five bedrooms, three of which are let to guests. "We started taking guests when the children left home," she says. "Now we have marvellous company from all over the world."





DIANA DUKES was widowed 15 years ago. When her son took over the farm, near Saffron Walden in Essex, she started to offer bed-and-breakfast in the 300-year-old farmhouse: "We grow our own vegetables, there's an orchard, and we often have our own lamb."



CORINNA RITTNER has taken guests at her Victorian terraced cottage in west London for four years: "We're on the British Tourist Authority computer, which has a bookings division at the airports, so some people come at short notice. My 12-year-old daughter is particularly keen on the Americans and Swedes. The lack of privacy doesn't particularly bother me, although it's a bit difficult having a row. . . ."



SYLVIA HOPKINSON lets three of the 10 bedrooms in her part-Tudor house near Royston, Hertfordshire: "It was a question of keeping up the house and garden as they should be kept. Local businesses like to put up executives here because it's different from a normal hotel. We also cater for day conferences: there are several hi-tech industries locally who like our facilities because they're completely private."



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SUSAN GRAHAM is eagerly awaiting her first bed-and-breakfast guests at the old farmhouse in Helperby, North Yorkshire, into which she and her husband moved a year ago. Chickens roam in the garden, and she grows her own vegetables, plums and apples. "I'll be catering for vegetarians and meat-eaters," she says, "and I'll provide an evening meal, if required, with us in the dining room. They'll just have whatever we're having. We wouldn't like to have people staying every night of the year but I think it'll be interesting for my youngsters."

'It's not everyone who likes bathing among plastic ducks and shaving tackle'

don't always treat your house as they would their own."

Property owners who feel that the offer of "homeliness" is their greatest asset are also cautioned that, according to a recent AA survey, holiday-makers rank cleanliness above good food and hospitality.

"Some visitors enjoy being part of the family; but separate bathroom and lavatory facilities – not necessarily in the bedroom – are usually recommended. It's not everyone who likes bathing among plastic ducks and shaving tackle," Edwards says.

Whether you charge £7 or £40 per head for a night's B & B, it isn't only food and laundry which cut into the profit. "There are breakages which no one tells you about and I'm sorry to say that coat hangers and other things still find their way into suitcases," he says.

Most new entrants to the business are glad they took the plunge – if only because the "business" is so flexible. You can go flat out to fill every room every night; or, like Alice Benson, whose Northumberland home stands in 100 acres of parkland, you can take about 20 paying guests a year.

"We do it at this level," she says, "because we don't want people here every night, and certainly don't wish to enter into a commercial business. We just entertain them as if they were our guests."

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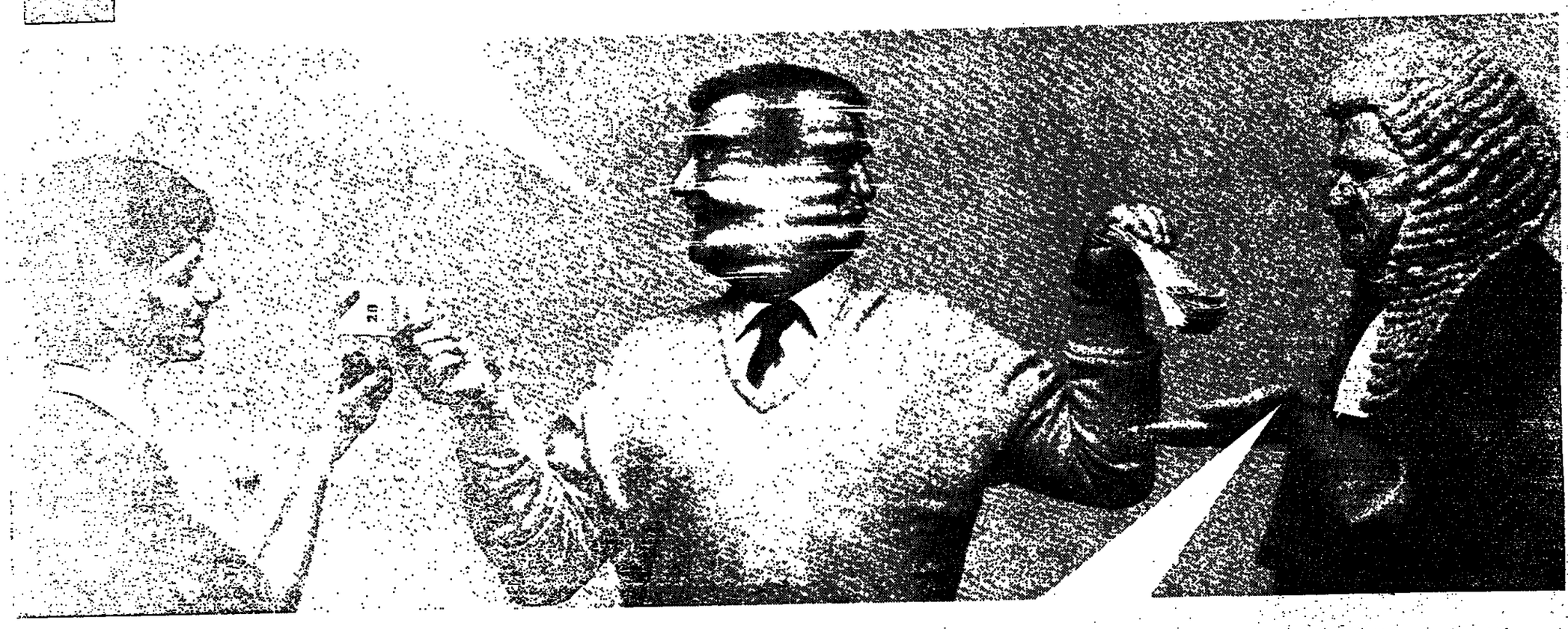
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